

Ask Me Another

This Spring's Style Facts

Along about this time of year, touches against dark costumes and women get as question-minded as any inquisitive 6-year-old. Only their queries concern but one thing: clothes. Anticipating from past experience the questions you might ask, I've lined up this series of questions and answers, pertaining definitely to the thrilling new clothes season just poking its fashionable nose around the corner "spring."

Question: Will short skirts continue for daytime wear?

Answer: But definitely. Short skirts are here to stay awhile, but their distance from the floor depends upon the height of their wearer and the type of costume. Dresses should be at least 13½ inches. Afternoon dresses may be a trifle longer. BUT only you with good looking legs should wear your skirts the full 15 inches from the floor.

CONTRASTING COLOURS

Question: Will contrasting coloured or matched accessories be considered the smarter?

Answer: Contrasting coloured accessories lead once again in either pastels or vivid, deep tones. Remember never to match "all" your accessories to each other and remember, too, the rule of light

Question: What are some new accessory colours to wear with navy blue, with black and with brown?

Answer: With navy, pale pink, blue or yellow or a copper tone with black the same or the new purply blue. With brown, spicy chamois, russet and green, and pink or blue.

Question: What is the general silhouette for dresses this spring?

Answer: Figure revealing is the tendency with fitted and swathed waistlines, with accented bodices and shoulders and a draped "close to the skin" effect.

Question: Will costume suits, or the jacket over dress style be as fashionable as tailored suits?

Answer: Yes. With jackets fitted and short, bolero fashion three-quarters length or belted, full length and fitted redingote types.

SPRING COATS

Question: In spring coats which is the smarter, the furred or unfurred type?

Answer: Whichever suits you best. In the slim fitted town coats the unfurred variety is newest. In



FLATTERING LINES. An interesting bodice treatment and full skirt falling into graceful folds combine to fashion this silver brocade gown designed by Adrian, for Joan Crawford Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer star.

the casual, loose topcoat the fox-collared type is preferred.

Question: Are stripes and plaids still smart?

Answer: Smarter than they've ever been before.

Question: Will bright, light coloured wool suits be worn in town.

Answer: From all indications

more bright and light colours than we've ever seen before.

Question: Will spring shoes still be "open"?

Answer: A great many of them, but with smaller openings and perforations. The new low-heeled look will be popular as will the "draped" or tied-on effect in new shoes.

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Many women who change to cream almost exclusively for facial cleansing and care during the winter, and use only the blandest of soap, would do well to give their hands the same soothing treatment. As a matter of fact, when treating the face use the little left over cream for a hand massage. It will be

worth the bit of cream as well as the few seconds it takes.

FACIAL FOR YOUR HANDS

A thorough treatment for your hands once a week will help tremendously to keep them soft, smooth, white. Start by cleansing them with cleansing cream. Then use a little of the grain type of cleanser so popular as a soap substitute. This will remove every bit of dead scarf skin leaving the hands shades whiter and smoother. Rinse, dry, massage fingers, knuckles, hands and wrists with your facial tissue cream and leave on as long as convenient, preferably overnight and wear loose cotton or chamois gloves. A little oil massaged into the nail cuticle at the same time will help brittle nails.

It's an open secret that the screen stars concentrate on keeping their hands beautiful. This is one feature they positively glorify, because their hands help to express their every action and word, their hands are contributing factors to their personality and to their beauty as well as to their earning power.

ALWAYS APPARENT

You may not deem your hands quite as important to you; but remember that they are apparent in every gesture—playing cards or a musical instrument; extended in greeting or serving tea—there they are telling "on" you, or saying nice things about you.

Make every effort, then, to keep your hands lovely. Try to have a weekly manicure at a beauty salon and have an oil manicure during the winter months; do a little repair work at home; give them their share of creaming; learn to change your polish at home to harmonize with costume type, costume colour and occasion. Take a tip from the screen stars—hand yourself beauty.



WELL-GROOMED HANDS, a major necessity in practicing the social graces.

DRESSMAKING SECRETS

For successful dressmaking press well and frequently. Seams should be pressed as you go, not kept until the garment is finished. Usually, you must press on the wrong side, though heavy cloth should be covered with a damp cloth on the right side and then pressed firmly. Turn the seam to the wrong side and press until dry.

If you find you get a shine from pressing, here is a method to remove it. Place a dry cloth on the shiny patch, then wring out a second cloth which has been made thoroughly wet. Wring until it is as dry as possible. Place the damp cloth over the dry one and pass a hot iron lightly over it.

THAT RUSTY KEY

A key that will not turn properly may have rusted, or dust may have blown into the interior of the lock. Blow the lock with a bicycle pump, then apply a few drops of warmed machine oil. Immerse the head of the key in warm olive oil, letting it remain for half an hour or so. If the key still refuses to turn, something may be broken or displaced inside the lock.

The Spring Medicine

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FASHION WORLD REVOLUTION

CHERUBIC-LOOKING Norman Hartnell, dress-designer to the Queen, is to star in a fashion film. The theme is the evolution of one of his creations from the dawning of inspiration (you'll see waves of it reaching him from a Wedgwood plate above his desk) to the finished product emerging from his salon on the graceful figure of Lady Bridgett Poulett.

The film will be in colour, and because of this Hartnell is blending deeper and more vivid shades than usual.

One source of inspiration is a parade of the Life Guards, and he has interpreted their brilliant uniform in a black, white and scarlet evening dress and cloak. But what is even more to his credit — he has persuaded two of the Guards to allow themselves to be transported to his showrooms so that the camera can take the happy trio together, and in this instance I'm sure comparisons will not be odious.

Other scenes will include such varying subjects as the Egyptian Room at the British Museum and a small girl sucking a stick of pink and white Brighton rock (inspiration there, too), but most of the shooting will be done in his premises in Bruton-street.

1,000 Designs a Year

Norman Hartnell — who designs over a thousand models yearly — thinks that men have better clothes judgment than women.

I agree. The explanation, I think, lies in their impartiality; they are not influenced (as women are) by a sub-conscious application to themselves.

"If it's a success this colour film will revolutionise the fashion world," said Hartnell. "Clients will be able to choose their clothes after seeing them in the local cinema or in their own homes. It can be sent to America — in fact, all over the world. And the natives of Bonga Wonga won't need to wait for six months-old periodicals any more."

Keep Flavour Separated

Always store leftover vegetables in separate dishes in the refrigerator. Even though they are to be combined later, the flavours will be better.

Perking Up Vegetables

Add one-fourth teaspoon of nutmeg to a cup of vegetable white sauce and use for covering cooked turnips, cabbage, onions or cauliflower. It will make a pleasing flavour contrast.

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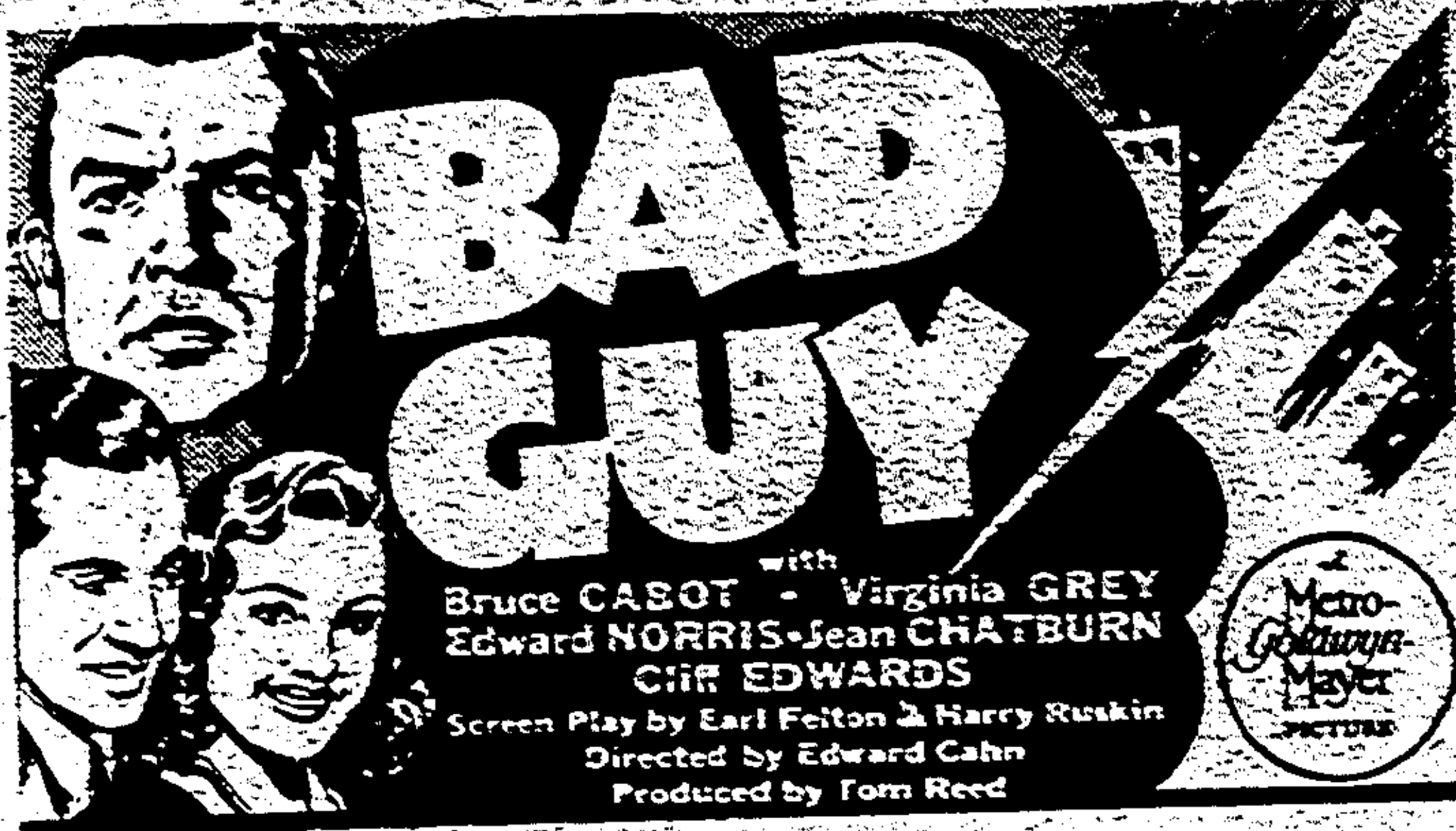
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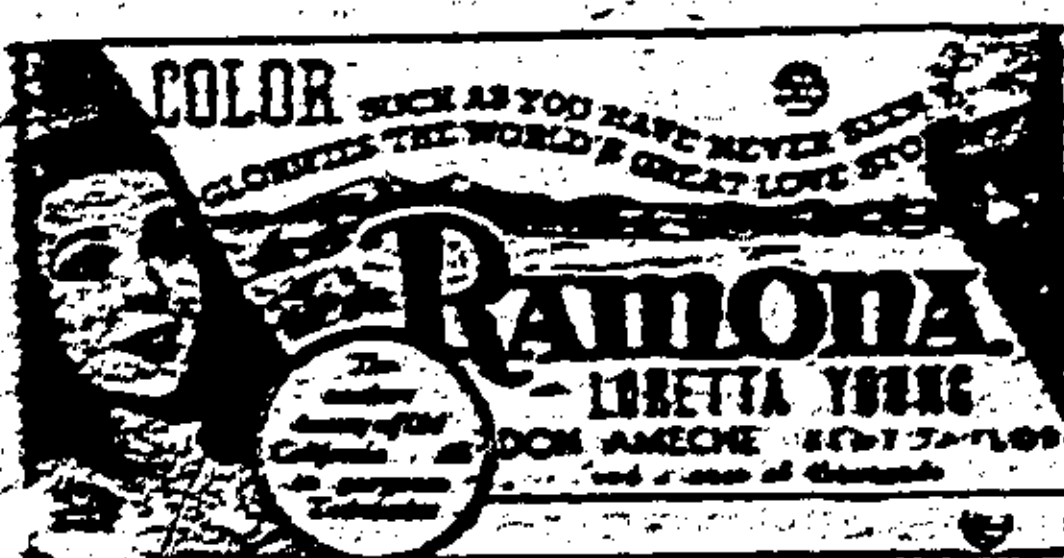
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RESCUE**Four men from a foundered junk
belonging to the Chong Ming Match
Company of Macao were rescued by
the s.s. Kumshan while the ship was
on her way to Macao yesterday.The junk had apparently gone
down in bad weather and the re-
mainder of the crew were drowned.
THREE IN STORMWhile on the way from Castle
Peak, to Macao on Monday, three
trading junks experienced very bad
weather and resulted in the loss
of two of them while a third was
driven ashore.One is known to have sunk with
cargo to the value of \$9,000 while
the other loaded with timber to the
value of \$8,000 is believed to have
been lost. The report was made
by the survivors of the third junk,
and it is not yet known what hap-
pened to the crew of the other
junks.**UNION TRADING
CO.'S CLAIM
ON FIRM CHOP**Claiming \$6,189.48, the price of old
newspapers bargained for and offered
to be delivered, the Union Trading
Company, represented by the Hon.
Mr. Leo D'Almada, junior, instructed
by Mr. M. A. da Silva, appeared as
plaintiffs in an action against Kwok
Man Chau Man Ka and managing part-
ner, Chin Ting; the New Kwok Man
Chau Ka and the Tung Hing Company,
and Li Po Yuen, partner in the two
latter firms, the case being heard be-
fore the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl Mac-
Gregor, at the Supreme Court this
morning.Defendants were represented by Mr.
H. Somerset Fitzroy, instructed by
Mr. C. A. S. Russ.The claim was originally against the
Kwok Man Chau Ka and Chin Ting,
but was subsequently was amended to
include the New Kwok Man Chau Ka
in accordance with the Fraudulent
Transfer Business Ordinance.In his defence, Chin Kwok denied
that he entered into contract with
plaintiff company and that if any such
contract had been made, it was with-
out his authority.**IMPORTANCE OF CHOP**Counsel said that the evidence would
show that the business chop of a
Chinese firm was a matter of great
importance and that for an owner of
a chop to entrust it to anyone amount-
ed to handing over a power of at-
torney. It was extremely improbable
that a chop could have been affixed to
any contract without the knowledge
and authority of the owner. The infer-
ence to be drawn was that the user
was armed with authority to use the
chop.The defence claimed that Chan Tok
was only an accountant, having no au-
thority to sign contracts; but evidence
would prove that when an attempt
was made to serve a sub-poena sum-
mons on him at the New Kwok Man
Chau Ka it was stated that he had left
for the country. Goods bought from
plaintiffs were deposited with the
China Provident Loan and Mortgage
Company and advances were obtained
on the security of these goods by the
Kwok Man Chau Ka from which the
inference could be drawn that defend-
ants authorised the contracts.**EQUALLY LIABLE**Referring to the Tung Hing Co. and
Li Po-yin, Counsel submitted they were
equally liable. The main object of the
agreement was to transfer the business
temporarily. The transfer was not
advertised in accordance with the pro-
visions of the Fraudulent Transfer
Business Ordinance.In the witness-box, Mr. H. A. Botel-
ho stated that he acted in the New
Kwok Man Chau Ka case in November
and December last year. On Novem-
ber 23, 1937, a Bill of Sale was exe-
cuted in witness's office by Chin Kwok.
The execution was attested, also on in-
structions, by Chin Kwok. On Novem-
ber 30 witness received instructions
from Chin Chin-ting, manager for Chin
Kwok, to write a letter to plaintiffs.
At the execution of the Bill of Sale
both Chin Chin-ting and Chin Kwok
were present.**MR. HO WING'S EVIDENCE**Mr. Ho Wing, Comptroller of the
Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking
Corporation, testified that all Chinese
firms used chops, which were regard-
ed of great importance. The custody
of the firm's chop was very important.
If the chop of a firm was handed over
to an individual the power of the firm
went with it.Cross-examined by Mr. Fitzroy, wit-
ness said he himself possessed a chop.
As far as witness and the Bank were
concerned, signatures were used and
not chops, but into whatever contract
he entered with Chinese firms he al-
ways insisted on the use of a chop. If
an unknown firm's chop came to the
notice of witness, he would make in-
quiries before doing business. Most
Chinese firms dealing with witness had
their chops registered with him. A cor-
respondence chop was of no impor-
tance. Anyone employed in the firm
could use it. A cautious man would
keep his firm's chop in a safe and not
lying about in open drawers.Owing to Combined Operations
there will not be any Tombola in
the Lecture Hall on Friday or
Saturday.**WARSHIPS
ORDERED TO
BARCELONA**

Paris, To-day.

A French cruiser, destroyer and
torpedo-boat have left for Barcelo-
na to protect French nation-
als there.—Reuter.**POSSESSION OF
PROPERTY
TO BE GIVEN UP**Claiming possession of premises
No. 41, Village Road (ground
floor); mesne profits from March
4, 1938, and costs, the Sincere In-
surance and Investment Company,
Limited, represented by Mr. H. N.
Chau, obtained judgment from the
Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice R. E.
Lindsell, at the Supreme Court this
morning.Defendant refused to quit the
premises.Appearing in person, Ko Po-kwok,
defendant, stated that the notice was
received by a foki who left on the last
day of the Lunar Year and did not
mention anything about it to him. It
was very difficult to find premises and
he requested the Court to allow him
one month to find new premises.Mr. Chau explained that defendant
did in fact know about the notice, for,
in February, he went to the manager
of plaintiff company, and requested an
extension of time.Questioned by the Puisne Judge,
plaintiff eventually admitted that he
went to see Mr. Ma.Commenting, the Puisne Judge ask-
ed what sympathy he could expect
from the Court when he came telling
lies. He gave judgment for plaintiff,
with costs, ordering that possession be
given up within 14 days.**CHINA NATIONAL
CONGRESS**

Shanghai, To-day.

The Sixth National Congress
of the Republic of China is sched-
uled to take place at Hankow
on March 29.The main discussions will be
concentrated on the Sino-Japan-
ese conflict and plans will be pre-
sented for prolonging the pre-
sent hostilities to a final success-
ful conclusion.Another important subject
which is stated will be minutely
discussed will be the relationship
of the Kuomintang and the Chi-
nese Communist Party.—Our
Own Correspondent.**PLEBISCITE
RULES**

Vienna, To-day.

Regulations for the plebiscite on
April 10 were published yesterday.All men and women born before
or on April 10, 1918, who are Aus-
trian, have the right to vote. Jews
will not be permitted to vote.—
Trans-Ocean.**BROADBENT IN
SINGAPORE**

Singapore, To-day.

Harry Broadbent, the Australian
airman who is making an attempt
on the England-Australia flight re-
cord, arrived here at 1.16 (G.M.T.)
this morning.—Reuter.

Czecho-Slovakian German Minority Restive

Prague, To-day.

"We most solemnly declare that we have decided to fight together for our political rights, cultural freedom and economic and social security," declared M. Frank, speaking for the Sudetan German minority party in the Czecho-Slovakian Parliament yesterday.

M. Frank declared that "our movement has always felt itself a movement fighting against the fate which befell our people in 1918-1919. The Sudetan Germans are now roused and have a desire for life.

"Instead of granting the Sudetan Germans their just rights, the Czech Government is practising a policy of making national and political relations more untenable and more strained.

"We declare with all solemnity that we will not accept the goal of the Czecho-Slovakia state, nor will we content ourselves with the declaration of February 18, 1937" (by which the Government offered the Sudetan Germans certain privileges).—Reuter.

Herr Frank, in his Parliament speech, stated: "Instead of getting excited about what is happening to the German groups beyond its frontiers, the Czecho-Slovakian Government should take the initiative in creating conditions that will no longer give rise to justified complaints and grievances."—Trans-Ocean.

JEWS EXCLUDED

Vienna, To-day.

It is officially announced over the radio that Jews will be excluded from voting in the plebiscite on April 10.—Reuter.

EXECUTIONS IN MOSCOW

Moscow, To-day.

The eighteen Soviet officials sentenced to death in the mass treason trial, were shot yesterday.—Reuter.

DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST CHAMBERLAIN

London, To-day.

Further Communist demonstrations took place outside the Houses of Parliament after the conclusion of the House of Commons debate.

Demonstrators took up positions on both side of the exit when Members were leaving and in-union demanded that Chamberlain should resign.

Mounted police however, immediately dispersed the demonstrators.—Trans-Ocean.

GOVERNMENT IN SPAIN READY FOR ARMISTICE

Paris, To-day.

Owing to the gravity of the military situation the Spanish Republican Government, it is stated in well-informed quarters here, may shortly be led to demand mediation by the powers with a view to concluding an armistice.

It is added that the French Government is willing to aid in this connection.—Reuter.

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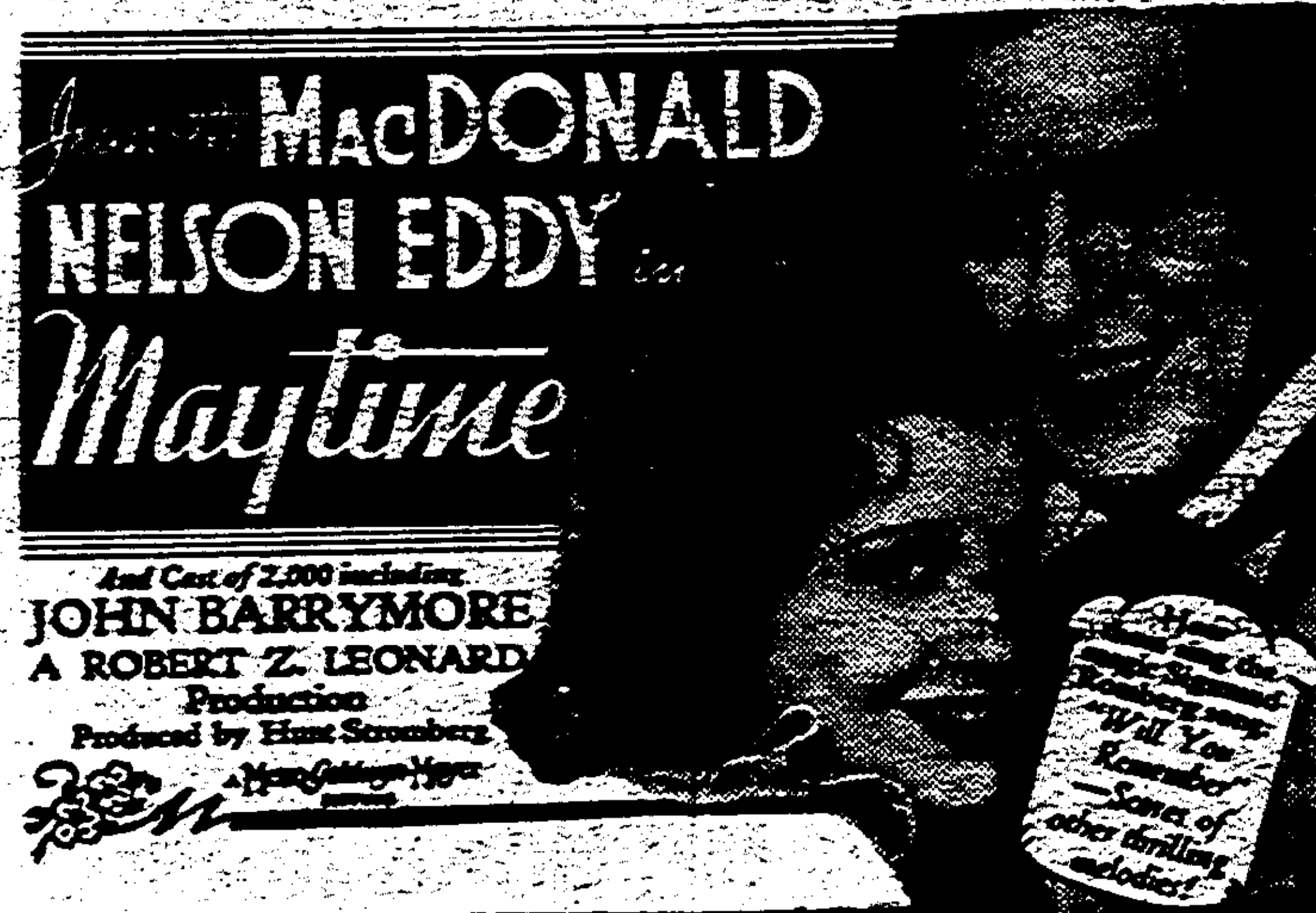
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SENSATIONAL REPORTS OF BARCELONA UPHEAVAL OFFICIALLY DENIED

London, To-day.

Sensational reports published in London regarding the situation in Barcelona, are denied by the delegate of the Catalan Government in London.

He said he had just telephoned to Barcelona, and the Catalan Government stated it did not contemplate and had never considered separate peace with the insurgents. He pointed out that Barcelona is 200 kilometres from the nearest front, and declared that "France's advance was not likely to be a threat to her independence."

Rumours of a panic in Barcelona of refugees leaving the city and of General Franco's guns being audible there, were baseless. An official of the Spanish Embassy in London gave a similar denial in an interview with Reuter. He added that enquiries in Paris had shown that the report that Catalonia had appealed to France to aid in preserving her independence, was untrue.—Reuter.

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HIGHER INCOME TAX IN BRITAIN SUGGESTED

London, To-day.

The developments in Austria continue to occupy most prominent place in the news columns and in editorial comment.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that England has no other recourse than to announce new and more intensive rearmament, and the newspaper hints at possible compulsory military training. The same opinion is current in some political quarters.

The "Daily Express" proposed a special Bill to increase Income Tax as a means of furthering the rearmament programme.—Trans-Ocean.

MR. PALAIRET REPORTS TO LORD HALIFAX

London, To-day.

The British Minister in Vienna, Mr. Charles Michael Palaret, who had been summoned to London by the Foreign Office to report on events in Austria, arrived in London yesterday afternoon.

He was immediately received by the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, but no official statement was issued after the interview.—Trans-Ocean.

SAMURAI ARMOUR FOR IL DUCE

Tokyo, To-day.

Costly presents, consisting of two suits of samurai armour, with swords, are to be given to Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini by youth organisations in Tokyo.

The gifts will be presented by the Mayor, Mr. Kobayashi, and will be received by the German Charge d'Affaires and the Italian Ambassador.—Trans-Ocean.

FRONTIERS CLOSED TO REFUGEES

Paris, To-day.

That Switzerland and Czechoslovakia have closed their frontiers to Austrian emigrants, is pointed out in a letter received by the French Foreign Minister, M. Paul Boncour, from the Nansen Refugee Office.

M. Paul Boncour is requested to bring influence to bear in the Governments of both countries to withdraw these measures.

A similar letter has been sent by the Nansen Office to President Benes of Czechoslovakia and to the Swiss Government.—Trans-Ocean.

HONG KONG'S "BID FOR PEACE"

King No Kum Yu's Government, says an official communique on the Combined Manoeuvres, spent the night of 15th/16th March in a fever of diplomatic activity in the hope of discovering a formula to explain away the King's somewhat brusque and inconciliatory reply to King Pacific's request for the hand of princess So Hy without involving any loss of face to the Sovereign of Hong Kong.

As a result, political tension has somewhat eased, and therefore it has been decided that no action whatsoever shall be taken by Hong Kong that can possibly jeopardize the successful and peaceful conclusion of the negotiations now in progress.

KONOYE MESSAGE TO HITLER

Berlin, To-day.

The Japanese Premier, Prince Konoze, has sent Herr Hitler a telegram congratulating the Fuehrer on the reunion of Austria and Germany.

Herr Hitler replied thanking Prince Konoze for his message.—Trans-Ocean.

SPECTACULAR MOONLIGHT RAID ON HANKOW DOES TRIFLING DAMAGE

Hankow, To-day.

Hankow's populace experienced a thrilling evening yesterday when more than a dozen bombers staged a spectacular moonlight raid on the Hankow airfield on which they dropped over twenty bombs.

The Japanese machines were compelled to fly at a great height owing to intensive anti-aircraft fire which thundered ceaselessly from the time that powerful searchlights picked out the raiders in the sky.

After the raid, Reuter's correspondent motored to the aerodrome and found guards with fixed bayonets guarding all entrances to the airfield and stopping all traffic.

The air was filled with smoke and the smell of sulphur.

ONE SMALL FIRE

It is claimed that only slight damage was done, and only one small fire was visible in the far corner of the airfield.

Yesterday evening's raid was the third in the last 24 hours.—Reuter.

BLUM CABINET RESHUFFLE ALREADY?

Paris, To-day.

The possibility of a re-shuffle in the new Blum Government is already being mentioned in the lobbies of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies.

It is pointed out that it is not the internal situation but rather the new situation in Central Europe, which demands a real coalition government composed of all parties.—Trans-Ocean.

ITALY AND LINZ ARRESTS

Rome, To-day.

Arrests of members of the former Austrian Fatherland Front in Linz, for spreading rumours about the South Tyrol, are approved by the Italian press.

"Giornale d'Italia" says that it is not to be tolerated that rumours which are just tendentious and false should be allowed to circulate at such an historic moment, their purpose being to damage German-Italian relations.

"The Rome-Berlin axis and its operation remain unaltered."—Trans-Ocean.

NEW ATTEMPT ON RECORD

London, To-day.

Flying-Officer Clouston and Victor Ricketts left Gravesend airport at 8.20 yesterday evening in an attempt to beat the record Australia-New Zealand flight.

This is their second attempt, the airmen having been forced to turn back on a similar flight several weeks ago.—Reuter.

BIG ROADMAKING FEAT IN KWANGTUNG

(Special To "China Mail")

The "China Mail" learns from an authoritative quarter that a remarkable feat in road-building is to be undertaken in Kwangtung and Kwangsi immediately, on the instructions of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, in connection with a strategic programme for the creation and maintenance of adequate communications.

The road is to be built from Shamsui, near Canton, to Kweilin, capital of Kwangsi, direct. It is to be open to motor traffic on July next!

Fifty thousand coolies have been recruited for the giant task, the cost of which will exceed \$1,000,000.

Half the cost is to be borne by the Kwangtung authorities and half by the Kwangsi Government. The contract has already been awarded to an expert firm of road-makers.

NO OPPOSITION TO RAIDERS

Shanghai, To-day.

The Japanese spokesman stated that when Japanese planes conducted raids in various parts of China yesterday they met with no opposition from Chinese machines.

Raids were made over Kiangsi and Shantung, and the spokesman alleged that several Chinese planes were destroyed on the ground.—Trans-Ocean.

EARLY MORNING RAID ON CANTON

Canton, To-day.

Taking advantage of the continued fine weather, Japanese planes again carried out a raid in the neighbourhood of Canton this morning. The thud of a number of heavy bombs was clearly heard in Shameen, apparently from the direction of the airfield north-east of the city.—Reuter.

The P. and O. s.s. "Rangura" which left Singapore on Saturday is now due here on Thursday at about 7 a.m.

BRITISH AIR FORCE REARMAMENT SPEED-UP

Lt.Col. Muirhead's Outline On Air Estimates

Foundation For Expansion Beyond Programme

London, To-day.

The speeding up effort was the recurring note in a speech made by Lt.-Col. A. J. Muirhead, Under-Secretary for Air, introducing the Air Estimates in the House of Commons yesterday.

Lt.-Col. Muirhead showed that the estimated expenditure of £103,000,000 (including £30,000,000 defrayable from the Defence Loan) represented a 25 per cent. increase on last year.

The Estimates include foundation for further expansion beyond the current programme.

EXPANSION CRITICS ANSWERED

London, To-day.

For the Labour Party, Mr. Montague demanded an independent inquiry into the military side of the Air Ministry on the lines of the Cadman Committee on Civil Aviation and spoke of criticisms and unfavourable rumours in circulation regarding the organisation of rearmament in air.

The Prime Minister rose immediately to state the attitude of Government. He said he did not admit there was any parallel between the functions of the Air Ministry in relation to civil aviation and in relation to the Royal Air Force. The latter touched on vital interests and the security of country, for which the responsibility could not be shared with any Committee of Enquiry.

ONE MAIN DRIVE

If the development of civil aviation had lent itself to criticism this was due to the very fact that by the necessities of the case the whole energies of the Air Secretary and his Department and of the aircraft industry, had been devoted to pushing forward the enormously accelerated Air Force programme.

Recapitulating the difficulties involved for industry and the Air Ministry itself in the vast programme of expansion, the Premier paid tribute to the energy and ability with which they had been overcome.

Answering a Labour member, who interjected remark suggesting that progress compared unfavourably with that of Germany, the Premier asked whether he wanted them to imitate Germany in the method she had employed in regimenting German industry for the production of armaments.

NOT YET

"We may have to, but at any rate we are not going to do so until we are convinced that nothing else will serve our turn."

Observing that the harrying and distracting of officials and manu-

Amplifying particulars previously given in the House, Lt.-Col. Muirhead said that in addition to the Metropolitan Air Force of 123 squadrons, there were 26 squadrons overseas and a Fleet air arm of 20 squadrons.

We were midway between the 1,500 first-line aircraft aimed at for March, 1937, and 1,750 next March.

Output from the "shadow" factories could be expected shortly.

Orders for certain instruments in connection with blind flying were being temporarily placed in the United States in order to leave nothing undone to achieve actual efficiency as soon as possible.

POWER TURRETS

As a consequence to the obstacles to turning guns by hand against the rush of air, owing to the greatly increased speed of aircraft, power operated revolving turrets, enclosing man and gun, were being installed.

In this essential requirement there was every reason to believe that we were better than any foreign country.

Lt.-Col. Muirhead dwelt on the greatly increased speed of fighters since the War. This necessitated a new type of faster firing machine-gun.

Greater comfort in aircraft and heating arrangements were being closely studied.

DOMINIONS PERSONNEL

On the subject of personnel, he said that the Cranwell programme for 1938 comprises nominated Dominion candidates.

"The continued response from these entrants, many of whom came here on their own initiative, has been very satisfactory, and is indeed gratifying." (Cheers).

The 1938 programme for airman stood at 17,000.

In the forthcoming year the age for boy entrants was reduced from 15½ to 15. He emphasised they would need more skilled men of all kinds.

facturers with questions which, he said, did not appear to him to be based on very competent or well-informed opinion, was not a good way of ensuring efficiency, the Premier ended with an appeal to all sides to put their efforts together, get on with their jobs and provide the Air Force the country needed in shortest possible time.—British Wireless.

LINK-TRAINERS

A very satisfactory adjunct to actual practice in the air is the link-trainer. By March 31, most aircraft centres will be equipped with one, and eventually at least one link-trainer would be provided for every flying station at home and overseas, including India and aircraft-carriers in the Fleet Air Arm.

Dealing briefly with civil aviation, Lt.-Col. Muirhead reviewed recent extensions and said the total route mileage regularly operated on British Empire routes in 1937 totalled almost 80,000 miles, which was 12,000 miles above 1936.

FAR EAST PROGRESS

In regard to work abroad, progress had been made in provision and accommodation in the Far East.

"May I express gratitude for the generous gift of Str. \$2,500,000 from the rulers of the Federated Malay States towards the cost of additional squadrons to be stationed in Malaya." (Cheers). — Reuter.

NEW REVIEW

Colonel Muirhead said the air estimates disclosed no specially new features but demonstrated the continuance of the Policy and programme already decided upon and well known towards the implementations of which consistent progress had already been made. He added, however, that as the Prime Minister had indicated, the Government were engaged on a fresh review of the situation following the international events of the last few days. He was not at present in a position to say what result this review might have in the acceleration or extension of the Air Force programme now before the House but of course

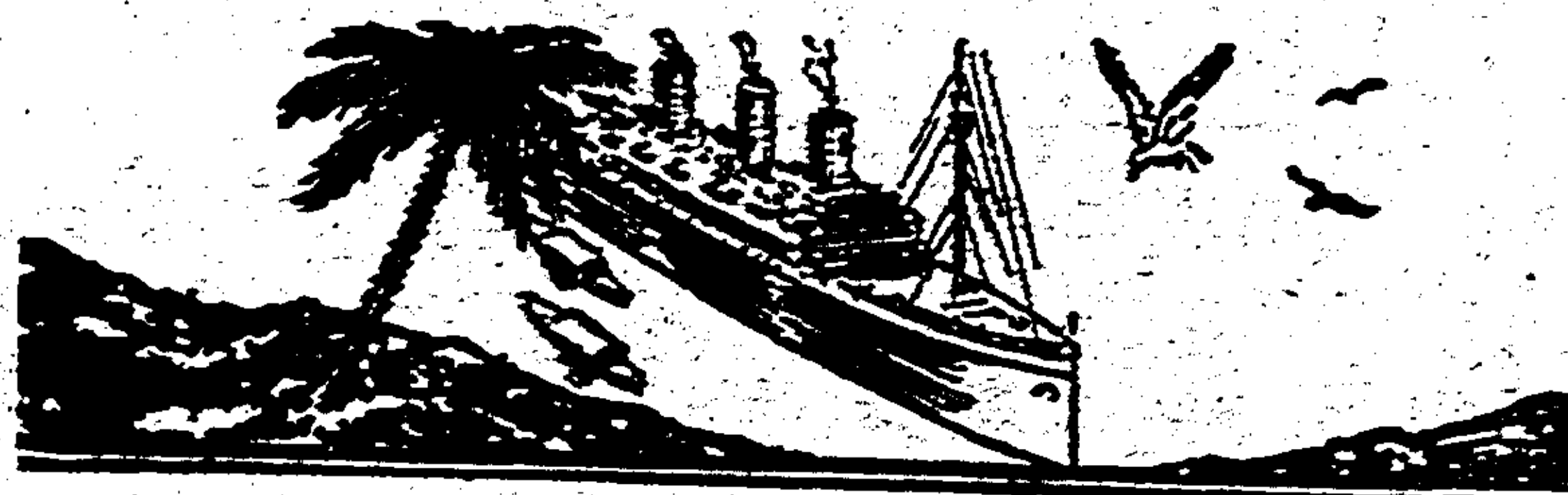
any further expenditure necessitated would appear in the form of supplementary estimates.

LEVEL PROGRESS

Examining criticisms of the progress of rearmament, Col. Muirhead admitted that it was very difficult in a programme of such magnitude and variety being carried out with such speed to ensure level progress all round. There was no harm in that if there was no serious lag on any particular item. Both in regular industry and in the shadow scheme, engines were somewhat ahead of air-frames but the air-frames situation itself was encouraging. Also there was no lack of instruments.

ORDERS ABROAD

They were using foreign experience and placing British abroad to bridge gaps until British production, which was always arranged, became available. Instancing the production of power-operated revolving turrets which had been designed and made at home, the Under Secretary said the position regarding this essential requirement illustrated well that relative strength was not a mere matter of counting what were apparently complete aircraft but that there was every reason to believe that on a conservative basis they were as good as any foreign country, and probably better. He mentioned in connection with a need for looking ahead to a possible air speed of 500 m.p.h. that new wind tunnel was being built at Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough. Between April 1935 and March 1938, 4,500 pilots and 40,000 airmen and boys entered the Royal Air Force. The meant an annual average of 1,500 pilots compared with a typical pre-expansion year of 300 pilots.—British Wireless.



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You don't realise just how much it meant to the dog to be separated from you—how his heart nearly broke with grief, how he would cheerfully have abandoned that handsome dinner, even risked his life, just for the sake of being in your company.

A dog will cheerfully suffer any hardship to be with his master.

Bobbie, a two-year-old collie, was taken on a motor-car journey by his owner. They started from his home and finished up nearly 2,000 miles away, as the crow flies.

While they were there a pack of dogs united, attacked Bobbie and drove him out of town. His master, unable to find him, gave up the search and left for home.

Six months later a travel-worn, exhausted collie loped into his old home, and, tail waving, stood on his hind legs and licked his master's face with a loving tongue.

He had swum icy rivers; he had crossed the Rocky Mountains in the middle of winter; he had traversed deserts; penetrated forests and padded through towns.

He had been attacked by wild animals and had even been made prisoner by a dog catcher.

On this last occasion he was taken a considerable distance back

on his trail and when at last he escaped he covered 500 miles in the next six days.

Bobbie's amazing journey was carefully investigated. It was found that for the first fifteen weeks he had travelled in circles, covering over 1,000 miles but moving only 200 miles towards his objective.

After that he seemed to find his bearings, although he never once set foot on the road by which he had the original journey by car.

For his exploit Bobbie received a gold collar and medals from all over the world, but who can doubt that he would have given a cart-load of such things in exchange for the touch of his master's hand after his amazing pilgrimage.

* * * That is what a dog will do, but so strong is the human power to win affection from dumb creatures that even a humble toad will not endure

Would your pet die for you? That is the question you will put to yourself when you have read this page. It is a page that will thrill every animal lover.

separation if he can help it.

Teddy, a big pet-toad, with a tag attached to his hind leg, was taken by train to a spot ten miles away from his home. He immediately headed in the return direction, hopped along a street, crossed a bridge, and from then on travelled in an almost straight line.

Some twenty hours later he arrived, rather dusty but otherwise unharmed, and hopped up to his master, who was in the garden at the time.

The most unexpected creatures acquire an affection for a home and master. Listen to the exploit of a drake, which was sold by one farmer to another who lived two miles away.

He was given a complete harem, but would have nothing to do with his new wives. He made repeated efforts to escape, and the new owner eventually decided to allow the bird to go free and followed him.

The drake immediately set off in the direction of his old home. He paused for a dip in a roadside pond, took a wrong turning, discovered his mistake and turned back.

* * * When on familiar territory, he doubled his speed and arrived in a flurry of dust and flapping wings.

They will tell you that pigs can't swim, but there is at least one which took its life in its trotters because it did not want to accept a new master.

It was taken several miles by road in a cart, out, in order to return, swam across a mile wide lake.

At Graveside

But that swimmer has nothing on the exploit of a dog described in an old book I read recently.

A ship in the middle of the Channel came upon a dog, swimming strongly towards the French coast midway between Brighton and Calais.

It was found that he had been brought across to England some days before.

There is a pathetic story of a water spaniel, owned by a French magistrate, who, during the French Revolution, was condemned to the guillotine. For days the animal waited at the gates of the gaol in which his master was confined. He followed his master to the scaffold and refused to leave the corpse.

He would not forsake the grave, remaining there for over three months, leaving the spot only for the purpose of seeking food and drink.

At length he started to dig over the grave in an attempt to reach his master, and continued thus until exhausted. He was found some time later, dead, lying in the hole he had dug.

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NETHERLANDS DEFENCE PLAN

Grave Speech By Dr. Colijn Over The Radio

EVENTS IN AUSTRIA "INCREASE OUR TROUBLES"

Amsterdam, To-day.

The decision of the Netherlands Government to enforce immediately the recent law authorising an increase in the period of military training from five and a half to eleven months, was announced by the Premier, Dr. Colijn, in a broadcast speech last night.

Dr. Colijn said the Government was compelled by circumstances to take this decision.

"The vital interests of the country are at stake. Events in Austria have deeply impressed the Netherlands Government and have increased our troubles."

Although there is no immediate danger of war, the Premier added, hitherto there had been several months in the year in which no resistance whatever against a sudden surprise was possible.

In view of the very rapid course which military actions now seem to be able to take, this situation cannot continue.—Reuter.

MENTIONED CHAMBERLAIN

The Hague, To-day.

Dr. Colijn's address was made over the radio and took about ten minutes.

He mentioned the British Prime Minister, stating that Mr. Chamberlain's remarks on timely precautions also applied to the Netherlands.

Amplifying his announcement of prolonged military service, he said that the Class of 1938, now with the Colours, now have to serve the prolonged term.

Men called to the Colours in October last year, who would normally have joined the Reserve on March 25, would remain with the Colours for another five and a half months.

The Premier concluded by appealing for discipline and obedience to all orders given by the Government.—Trans-Ocean.

SIR VICTOR NOT GIVING UP RACING IN H.K.

With reference to the announcement that Sir Victor Sassoon has sold his Hong Kong racing stable, we are informed that while it is true that Sir Victor has dispersed his stable in the Colony, retaining only Happy Eve, he has no intention of abandoning his connection with racing in Hong Kong.

It was erroneously reported that Mr. H. H. Priestley was personally connected with the arrangements for the sale.

INDIAN ARMY MAN CHARGED

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, Sultan Mahomed, of the Mule Corps, was charged with causing grievous bodily harm to Yau Yin-chung, a 25-year-old Chinese farmer, at Chenghanchu Village, Kowloon city.

The man was remanded in custody for a week.

SOVIET ARCTIC EXPEDITION HOME

Moscow, To-day.

The Soviet Arctic scientists under the leadership of Professor Papinin, who were stranded on an ice floe recently and were rescued by Soviet ice-breakers, returned to Leningrad yesterday and received a tremendous welcome.—Reuter.

BRITISH CASUALTIES IN TARRAGONA BOMBING

Barcelona, To-day.

A stoker was killed and four members of the crew injured when the British steamer Stanwell was hit by bombs from Spanish insurgent planes which raided Tarragona four times yesterday morning.

One of the bombs penetrated the engine room and another hit the bows of the ship.

The captain ordered the crew to abandon ship but the vessel remained afloat.

The fire which started when the ship was hit was put under control after three hours.

A Danish non-intervention control officer who was on board was also wounded.

Forty were killed and 100 wounded in Tarragona itself as result of the raid. An oil depot was hit and exploded.—Reuter.

The 1,000-ton Republican Spanish steamer "Isle de Minorca" was sunk in the insurgent air raid on Tarragona yesterday.—Trans-Ocean.

FLYING BRITISH FLAG

Barcelona press messages report that the British 5,700-ton ship, Stanwell, was bombed by insurgent planes while discharging coal alongside the quay in Tarragona Harbour. The planes disappeared to seaward after the bombing. One bomb having exploded in the engine-room, another on the bows, the Stanwell caught fire and the Captain gave orders to abandon the ship which in danger of sinking.

A stoker named MacHolland was killed. The Danish non-intervention control officer aboard named Matsen also wounded. The Stanwell was flying the British flag.—British Wireless.

TWO WEDDINGS ANNOUNCED

The forthcoming wedding of Sergeant George Dawson, of the Royal Engineers, stationed at Wellington Barracks, and Miss Florence Elsie Barnes, of Queen's Army School, residing at No. 210, Prince Edward Road, has been announced.

The forthcoming marriage between Mr. Denny Young, electrical engineer, residing at No. 88, Caine Road, and Dr. (Miss) Sophia Ha, of No. 58, Gloucester Road, has also been announced.

CAR STOLEN

Mr. F. Stapleton of No. 29, Stockpool Villa, Cameron Road, has reported the loss of his motor car, No. 2283, from the Salisbury Road Car Park.

Lau Kui, driver of lorry No. 4566, has reported that while he was driving in Connaught Road West, Wong Chak, a taxi, fell off the lorry and was later admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital suffering from head injuries.

New Crisis Threatening Over Spain: Sir Eric Phipps In Discussion

Paris, To-day.

The Foreign Minister, M. Paul Boncour, yesterday received the British Ambassador, Sir Eric Phipps, and it is understood M. Paul Boncour expressed the French Government's grave concern regarding the effect a speedy victory for General Franco would have on the French position.

These fears are not only based on diplomatic considerations but on security.

The view is held in well-informed quarters that the German and Italian elements in General Franco's army are very large, and if not withdrawn, would constitute a menace to France's Mediterranean frontier. France must ward off such a danger.—Reuter.

GERMAN ENVOYS TO TELL THE WORLD

Berlin, To-day.

German diplomatic representatives abroad have been instructed to inform foreign powers of the law uniting Austria with Germany.

They will also notify the foreign governments to which they are accredited that Austrian diplomatic representatives have received instructions to place themselves at the disposal of the German representatives.—Reuter.

CAR CLEANER SENTENCED

Chan Wing, unemployed car cleaner, was this morning sentenced to one month's hard labour by Mr. H. H. Butters at the Central Magistracy when found guilty of stealing tools from motor car, No. 2940, belonging to Dr. S. A. M. Sepher.

Defendant was arrested in Wan-chai. He had obtained permission to sleep in the garage where he stole the tools. The total value was \$50 of which only \$3 worth had been recovered. Defendant would not assist the police to recover more of the stolen property.

SPANISH REBEL FORCES SECURE NEW GAINS

Saragossa, To-day.

While the centre column of the insurgent forces on the Aragon front yesterday was consolidating their positions recently won around Alcaniz, General Yague was continuing along the south bank of the River Ebro in the direction of Caspe.

The present offensive has won 20,000 square miles of territory for the insurgents, including three towns and some sixty villages.

The number of prisoners taken was very high, the cavalry divisions alone being reported to have collected 2,000 Loyalists.—Reuter.

DECISIVE VICTORIES

Paris, To-day.

The Nationalist troops gained two decisive victories in their offensive yesterday, capturing the towns of Alcaniz and Caspe, the former by legionnaires and the latter by Moroccan troops under General Yague.

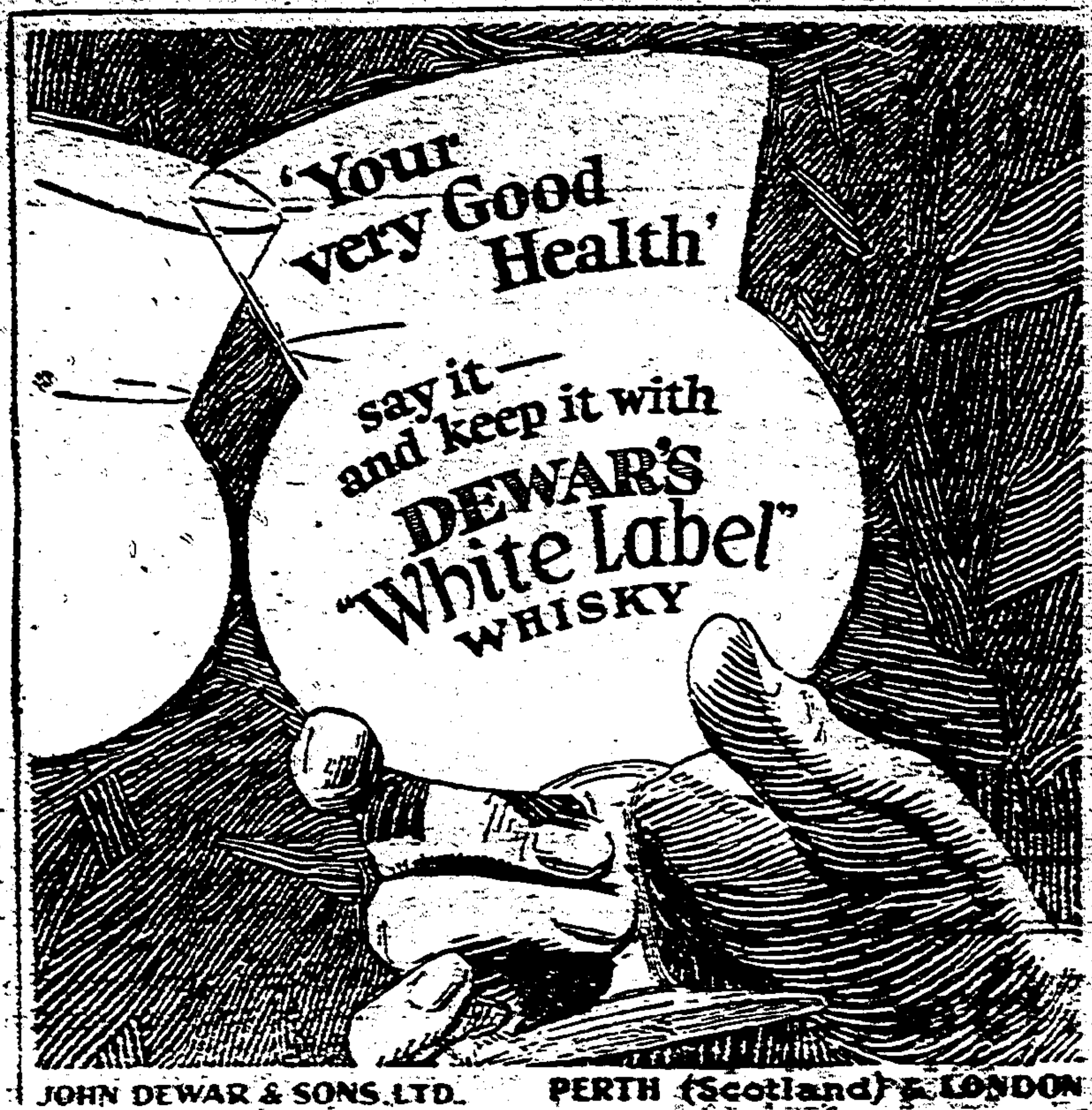
The only road between Catalonia and Valencia now not controlled by the Nationalists is in the immediate vicinity of the coast.—Trans-Ocean.

FRENCH WAR COUNCIL SESSION

Paris, To-day.

The Supreme Council of National Defence met last night in the Premier's Office.

The situation in Spain is reported to have been considered.—Reuter.



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MR. EDEN'S VINDICATION

If Mr. Chamberlain could have foreseen, three weeks ago, Herr Hitler's dramatic absorption of Austria into the Third Reich, he would not, it is safe to assert, have been quite so ready to discard Mr. Anthony Eden or the principles guiding the ex-Foreign Secretary's policies. For, whatever the individual estimate of the relative importance of events in Austria, of the rightness or wrongness of Germany's actions, or of the inevitability of Austro-German union, this much is certain: Mr. Chamberlain has received a sharp rebuff and Mr. Eden, swiftly, his first vindication. The Premier's "realism" his belief that a road to European appeasement could be found by jettisoning the League as a concession to German and Italian susceptibilities has received a sharp shock, as he admits when arguing that the immediate results must be to intensify the sense of uncertainty and security in Europe. His belief that the Berlin-Rome axis might be bent or broken by a successful quest for an understanding with Signor Mussolini, has also been exposed as a delusion. It is true, that the Anglo-Italian talks are to continue; it is to say the least doubtful whether they can proceed on quite the plane contemplated by Mr. Chamberlain when he accepted the "now or never" thesis. When the German army crossed the Bavarian border and took possession of Austria, rushing a contingent through to the Brenner Pass as one of the first steps in the process, Herr Hitler

subjected the Rome-Berlin axis to a greater strain than could possibly have arisen from any bait dangled by Lord Perth in Rome. The delicacy of the situation for the moment as between Herr Hitler and Mr. Duce is patently clear between the lines of the communications which passed between them. The briefest examination of Signor Mussolini's past policies is enough to indicate that he cannot feel altogether comfortable with a powerful Germany extending her borders to the Brenner Pass. His dilemma, therefore, was acute and in very plain terms: further commitment to or complete severance from the Berlin-Rome axis. His decision has been equally clear. He has accepted the situation with good grace and by that very fact has, willy-nilly, strengthened this need to maintain, in fair weather or foul, closest association with the policies of Germany. In short, the initiative in the Rome-Berlin alliance has passed to Herr Hitler, Germany has achieved far more by her absorption of Austria than mere Anschluss.

When all these facts are read in relation to Mr. Chamberlain's statement in the House of Commons on Monday, the gravity of that statement must become deeply emphasised. Only one meaning can be read into it, and that the stark fact that the Prime Minister has virtually abandoned any hope of a settlement by peaceful means. Talks will continue, but Britain will accelerate the pace of her rearmament programme at the sacrifice, it is indicated, of the principle outlined in Mr. Chamberlain Defence White Paper speech, of a minimum interference with normal industrial activity. "We must consider the new situation clearly and with cool judgment, but I am confident that we shall be supported in asking that no one, whatever his particular preconceived notions may be, shall regard himself as excluded from any extension of the national effort that may be called for." There is no mistaking the solemnity of language such as this, though it lacks the force which it would carry abroad were it allied with a well-defined foreign policy. Instead of that, Mr. R. A. Butler seems to have gone out of his way to emphasise—well aware of the French reaffirmation of their obligation to give immediate assistance to Czecho-Slovakia in the event of military threat by a third Power—that Britain is committed to no guarantee for the security of Czecho-Slovakia. The "Daily Telegraph" compares the speech of Mr. Chamberlain with Sir Edward Grey's historic speech on the eve of the Great War. There is, however, another unfortunate reminder of those days before the Great War—the uncertainty in Europe of what steps the British Government would take in certain eventualities. It is futile to contend that here is no need for British entanglement in other people's quarrels. If they are none of our concern, why these solemn speeches in Parliament. Any conflagration involving the great Powers of Europe must drag Britain into its wretched madness of destruction. If we are determined to keep out, it were safer to leave no margin for error or doubt concerning the circumstances in which we should feel compelled to enter.

HITLER'S SUDDEN RETURN FROM VIENNA

Connected With Polish-Lithuania Frontier Dispute

CHINA EXCHANGE RESTRICTION STATEMENT

Hankow, To-day.

Interviewed regarding the new measures for control of foreign exchange, a spokesman of the Ministry of Finance yesterday said that they aimed at strengthening the credit of legal tender notes and preventing the Japanese from undermining the Chinese national monetary system.

The spokesman added that during the past eight months, in spite of the Sino-Japanese hostilities, the value of legal tender notes had been well maintained even in areas under Japanese occupation.—Reuter.

SOVIET WILL GO TO AID OF CZECHO-SLOVAKS

Moscow, To-day.

The Soviet will go to the aid of Czecho-Slovakia if she is attacked, provided France does likewise, Reuter was informed by an authoritative Russian spokesman yesterday.

Asked how such aid could be carried out in the absence of a common frontier, the spokesman replied "A corridor must be created."—Reuter.

KING CAROL'S LONDON VISIT POSTPONED

London, To-day.

It is announced from Buckingham Palace that King Carol's visit to England has been postponed in view of the recent developments in the international situation.—Reuter.

Premier Declines To Pledge Himself To New Cut And Dried Policy

London, To-day.

The Opposition Leader asked the Prime Minister in the Commons at question time, if he would be in a position to-day (Wednesday) to make a statement on the Government's policy in relation to international affairs.

Mr. Chamberlain: "No, Sir, I do not think I shall."

Mr. Atlee then suggested the House had been left with no clear lead, and referred to Mr. Butler's speech in winding up the debate which had suggested that a further statement might be made.

The Premier replied that it had not been suggested a statement

Germany Regarding Situation As Grave

Berlin, To-day.

The dispute between Poland and Lithuania is being followed with close attention in Berlin, and some quarters suggest it was one of the reasons for Herr Hitler's return to Berlin from Vienna.

The situation is recognised as grave.

It is recognised that the possibilities are more dangerous owing to the electric atmosphere in Europe arising from the Austrian developments.

The tension between the two countries follows a frontier incident in which a Polish soldier is alleged to have been killed by Lithuanian frontier guards.—Reuter.

BALTIC FORTIFICATIONS

London, To-day.

Asked in the Commons if he would consider the advisability of approaching other signatories of the Aland Islands Convention with a view to the rigid application of its terms of non-fortification, the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs said he had no reason to suppose the terms of the Convention would not continue to be scrupulously respected by the Finnish Government.—British Wireless.

CONFERENCE WITH HESS

Munich, To-day.

Immediately after his return to Munich from Vienna, Herr Hitler conferred with his Deputy, Rudolf Hess.

It is semi-officially stated that the talks concerned reorganisation of the Austrian Nazi Party.

RIBBENTROP ALSO

The German Foreign Minister, Herr von Ribbentrop, left Vienna for Munich by plane yesterday afternoon.—Trans-Ocean.

poned in view of the recent developments in the international situation.—Reuter.

SCHUSCHNIGG REPORT DENIED

London, To-day.

The report from Berlin that Dr. Schuschnigg is now staying with Count Esterhazy in Hungary, is emphatically denied by the Count's secretary in response to a telephone call from London. He said Dr. Schuschnigg had not arrived and was not expected.—Reuter.

SEÑOR NEGRIN'S TRIP TO PARIS

Barcelona, To-day.

Senor Juan Negrin, the Spanish Premier, returned to Barcelona yesterday after a flying visit to Paris. He immediately summoned a meeting of the Spanish Cabinet.

Although the insurgents are now only 20 miles from the Catalan border, Barcelona remains calm.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is practically unchanged, but will probably commence to move eastward.

Pressure remains highest over the lower Yangtse Valley.

Local forecast:—N. E. winds fresh; fair.

SCHUSCHNIGG SAFE IN HUNGARY

Berlin, To-day.

It is reported in well-informed circles that Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, deposed Austrian Chancellor, is now staying with Count Esterhazy in Hungary.—Reuter.

PLEBISCITE'S ONE QUESTION

Vienna, To-day.

The voting card that will be issued for the plebiscite will contain one single question:

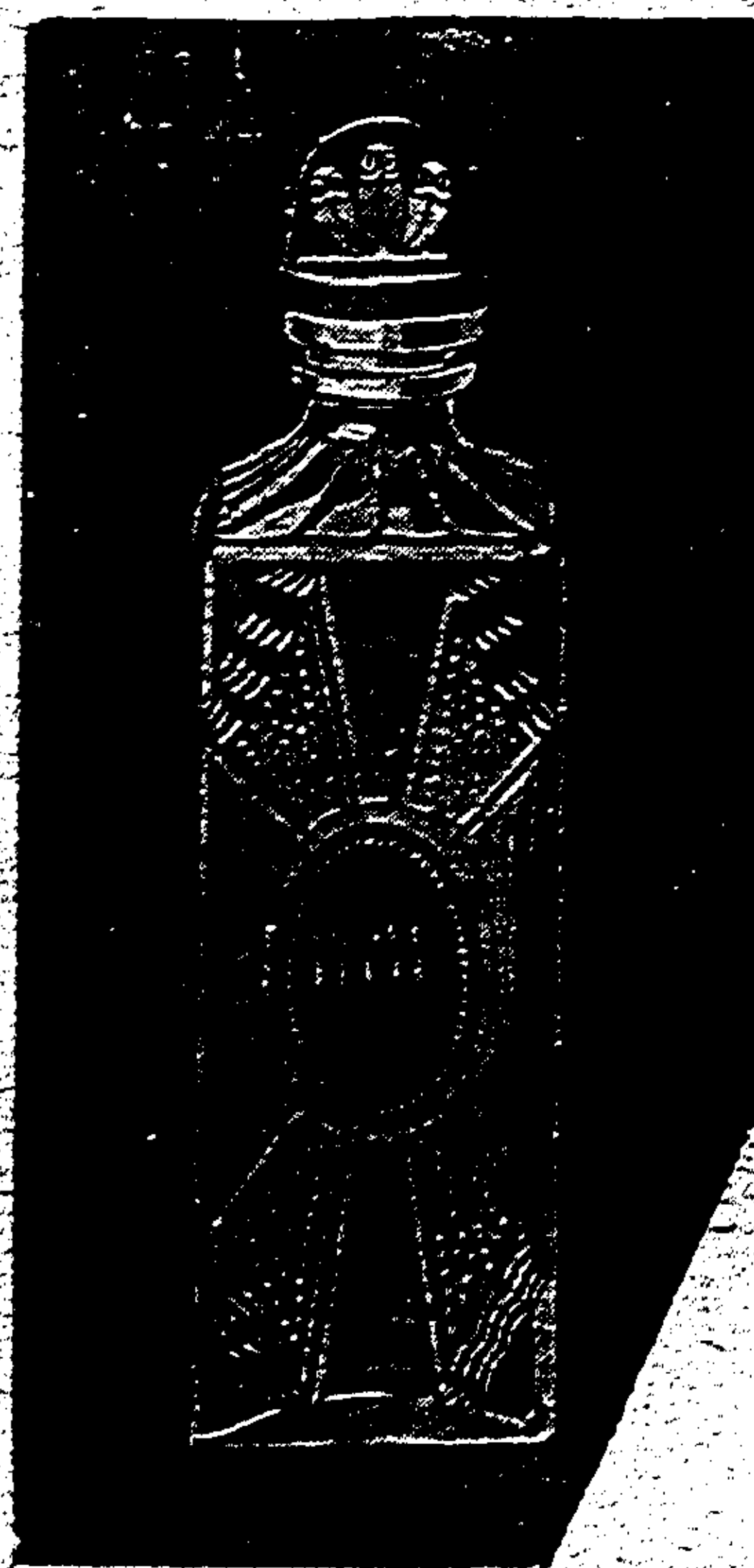
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GERMAN AIR MIGHT

Four Hundred Machines Pass In Herr Hitler Parade

Vienna, To-day.

Before the military parade in Vienna yesterday afternoon, Herr Hitler laid a laurel wreath on the Vienna War Memorial.

As the Fuehrer emerged from the crypt, 7,000 people on specially erected stands, and many thousands more lining the streets, broke into wild cheers.

The military parade in the Helden Platz, where even the roofs and telephone boxes were covered with spectators, lasted two hours.

Before the parade, nearly 400 German air force planes flew in successive arrow formation over the city, completing the demonstration of armed might.

Taking his place at the grandstand, Herr Hitler greeted representatives of Vienna and also spoke a few words to Herr Franz von Papen, ex-German Ambassador to Austria.

Many former Austrian troops wore the German emblem of the Reich as they marched past the Fuehrer. Prussian, Bavarian and Wurtemberg regiments also participated in the march past.

LEAVES FOR MUNICH

Later Herr Hitler left for Munich by air.

His plane was met over Germany by a squadron of bombers which escorted him to Munich airport, where a crowd of many thousands awaited his arrival. The Fuehrer drove through the streets from the aerodrome to the town.

The route was lined by Nazis bearing flaming torches and closely cordoned by police, and Herr Hitler laid a wreath at the monument to Nazis killed on November 9, 1923.

SPEECH TO-NIGHT

Herr Hitler is expected back in Berlin at 5 o'clock this afternoon. It is understood he will make an important speech to-night.

It is announced also that the Fuehrer will make several plebiscite speeches in Austria before the vote on April 10. First speech will be at Graz.—Reuter.

LOW DIVING THRILLS

Vienna, To-day.

Yesterday afternoon's military parade was the greatest display of German military power for years.

Five hundred air force planes, from heavy bombers to speedy

AUSTRIAN POLICE NOW INCORPORATED

Vienna, To-day.

The Austrian police as a separate organisation were dissolved by a special decree issued by the chief of the German police, Herr Himmler, yesterday.

In future the Austrian police will be incorporated in the German police system, comprising the secret police, criminal police, safety police and general police.

The Austrian police will shortly take the oath of allegiance to Herr Hitler. The Austrian army has already done so.—Trans-Ocean.

pursuit machines, took part, diving low over the crowd in thrilling fashion.

The march past was led by an Austrian mechanised detachment, and were followed by German troops of every branch of the army, including infantry cavalry, motor machine-gun detachments, tanks and armoured cars and artillery.

Hitler's own Black Guards and German police detachments wound up the parade.—Trans-Ocean.

DR. WOLF RESIGNS

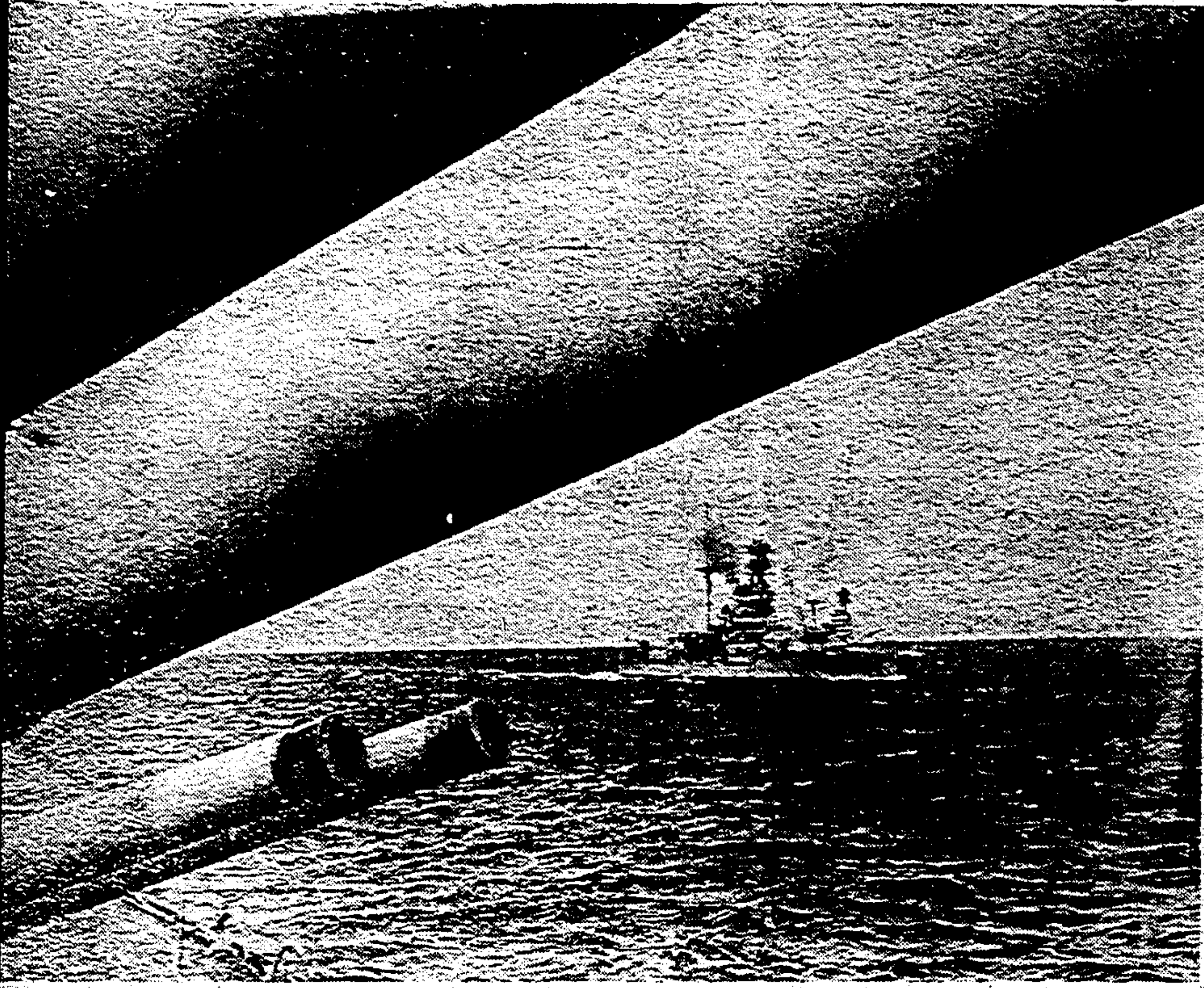
Vienna, To-day.

The Austrian Foreign Minister, Dr. Wilhelm Wolf, has resigned his functions to the German Foreign Minister, Herr von Ribbentrop.—Trans-Ocean.

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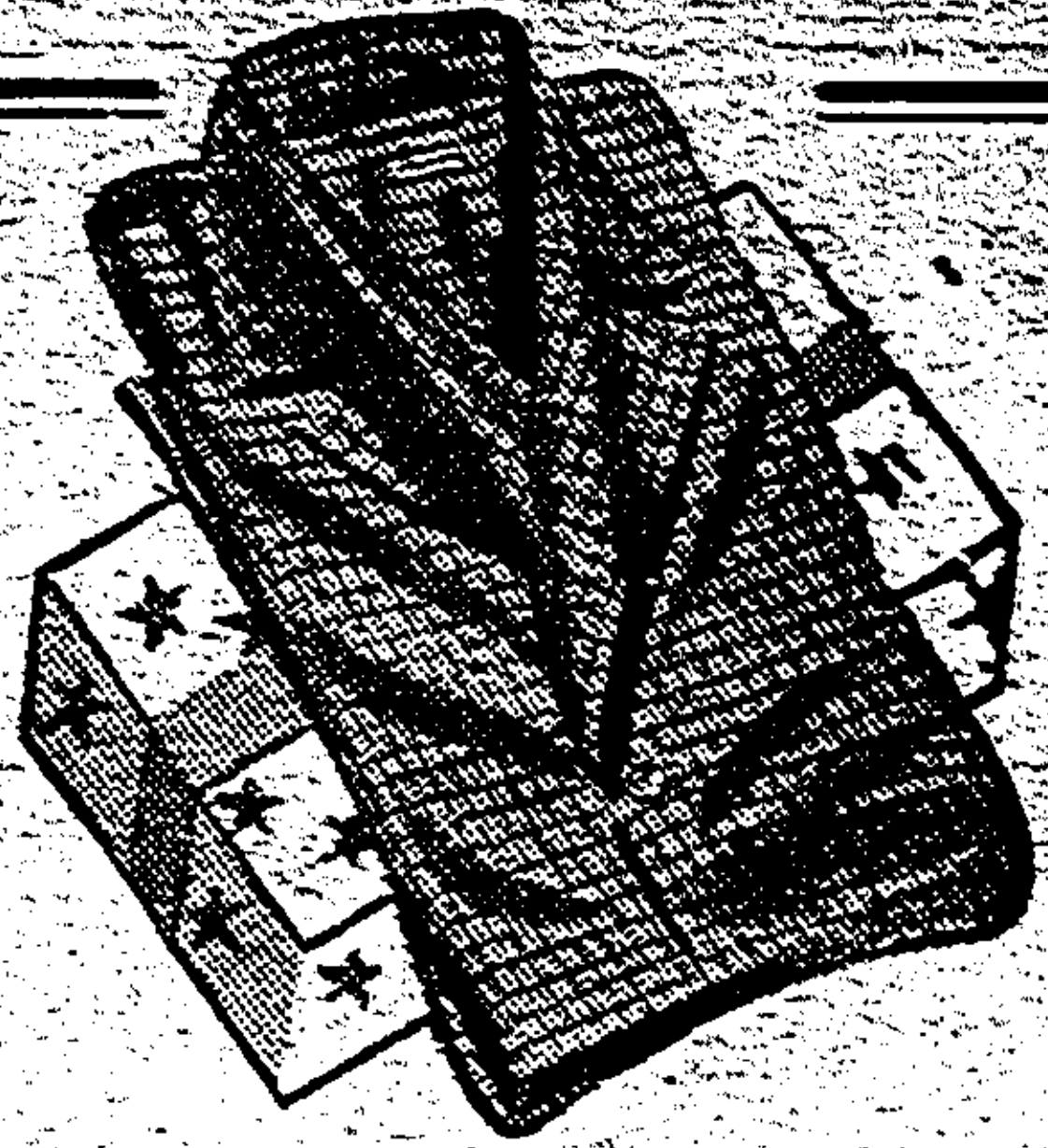
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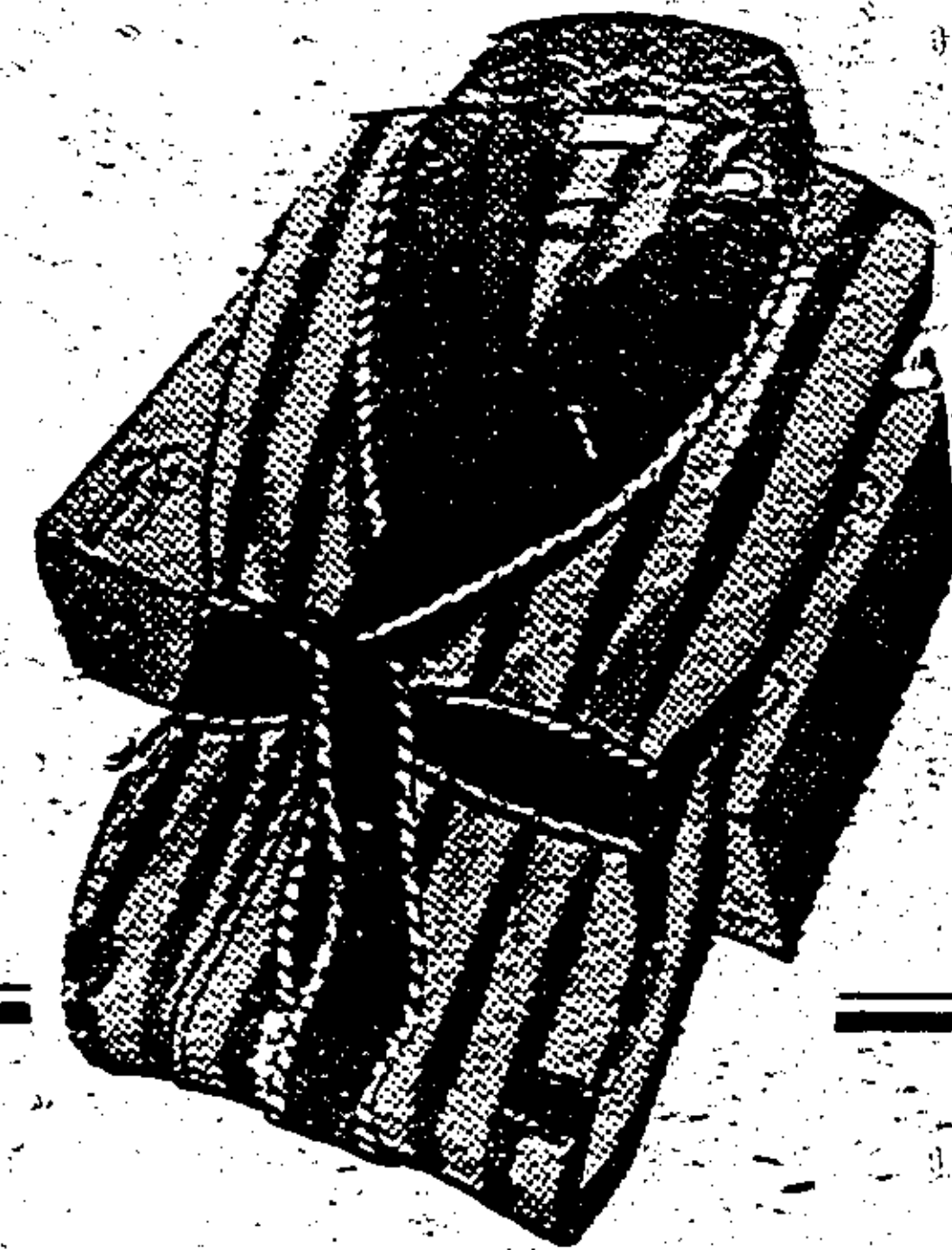
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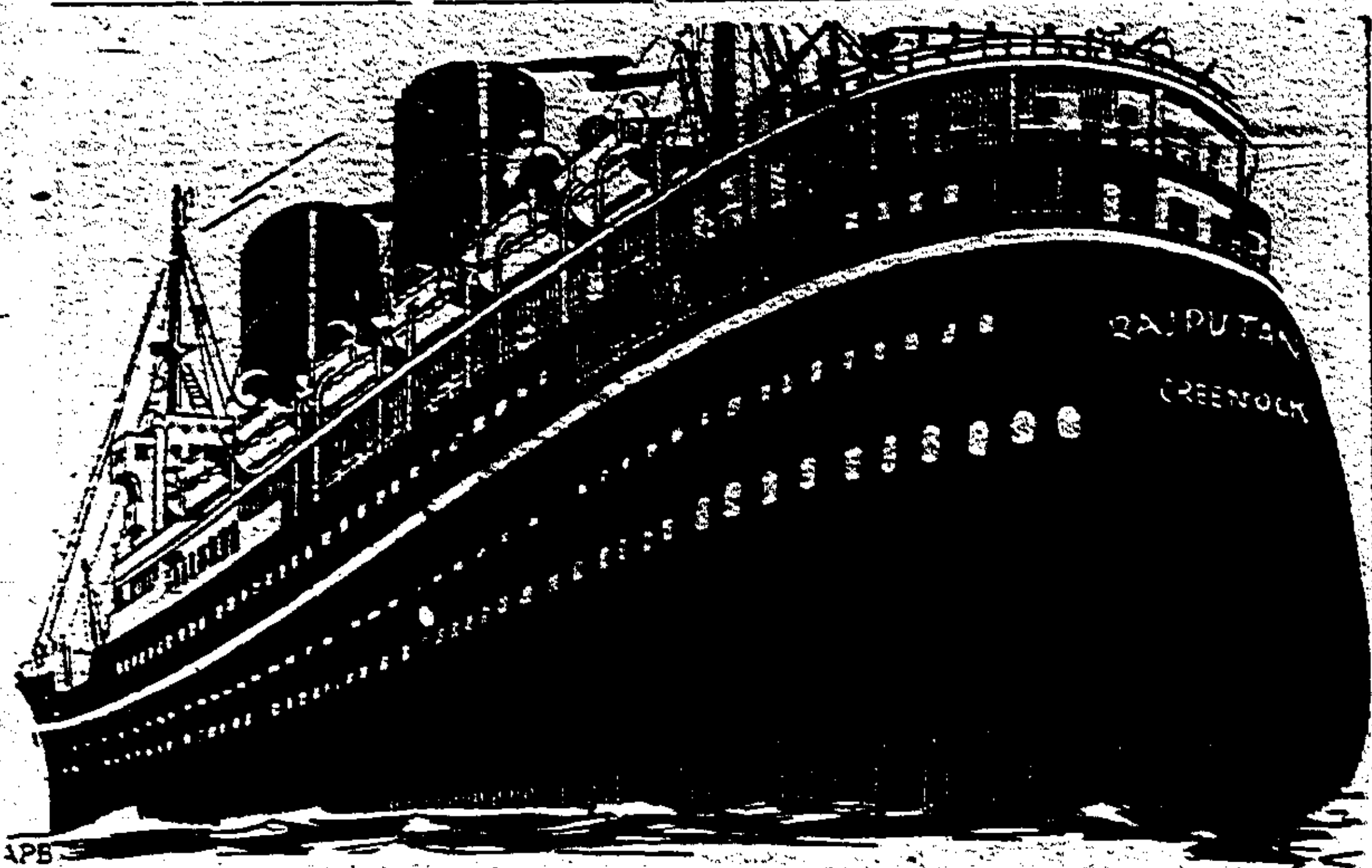


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*BHUTAN	6,000	19th Mar.	Shanghai & Japan.
*BEHAR	6,000	28th Mar.	Shanghai & Japan.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	31st Mar.	Shanghai & Japan.
TILAWA	10,000	1st Apr.	Amoy & Japan.
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Manila	Emp. of Russia	March 16.
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Swatow	Nanning	March 17.
Manila	Prometheus	March 16.
Calcutta and Straits	Shirala	March 17.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) — London, date 17th February — and London Parcels — London date, 19th Feb.	Ranpura	March 17.
Australia and Manila	Kitano Maru	March 17.
Haiphong	Canton	March 17.
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Hoïhow	Kiangsu	March 17.
Shanghai and Swatow	Tsinan	March 18.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" — London date, 10th March	Imperial Airways Plane	March 18.
Seigon	Sphinx	March 18.
Japan and Shanghai	Kaiser-I-Hind	March 18.
Straits	Bhutan	March 18.
Straits, Manila, and London Parcels — London date, 3rd Feb.	Agamemnon	March 18.
Shanghai, Amoy and Swatow	Liangchow	March 18.
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	Reg.	Mar. 16, 5 p.m.
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	Reg.	Mar. 16, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 17, 6 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Talamba	Thurs., Mar. 17, G.P.O. and K.P.O.
	Parcels	Mar. 16, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 17, 8.30 a.m.
Thursday		
Samshui and Wuchow	Tai Hing	Mar. 17, 8.15 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Kalgan	Mar. 17, 8.30 a.m.
Kongmoon	Tai Lee	Mar. 17, 10 a.m.
Straits	Cremor	Mar. 17, Noon.
Shanghai and *Japan	Ranpura	Mar. 17, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, *Japan, Canada, U.S.A. C. and S. America and *Europe via Vancouver B. C. (Parcels for Canada only) — due Vancouver B. C., 4th April	Emp. of Russia	Thurs., March 17, G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Par.	Thurs., Mar. 17, 4 p.m.
	Reg.	Thurs., Mar. 17, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Thurs., Mar. 17, 5.30 p.m.
	Kitano Maru	Thurs., Mar. 17, 5 p.m.
Friday		
Samshui and Wuchow	Chungon	Mar. 18, 8.15 a.m.
Amoy	Tjisadane	Mar. 18, 8.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Hinsang	Mar. 18, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	Mar. 18, 3 p.m.
*Straits and Calcutta	Suisang	Fri., Mar. 18, G.P.O. and K.P.O.
	Parcels	Mar. 18, 11 a.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 18, Noon.
Swatow	Foo Shing	Mar. 18, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Sphinx	Mar. 18, 1.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles — due Marseilles, 15th April	Kaiser-I-Hind	Sat., Mar. 19, G.P.O. and K.P.O.
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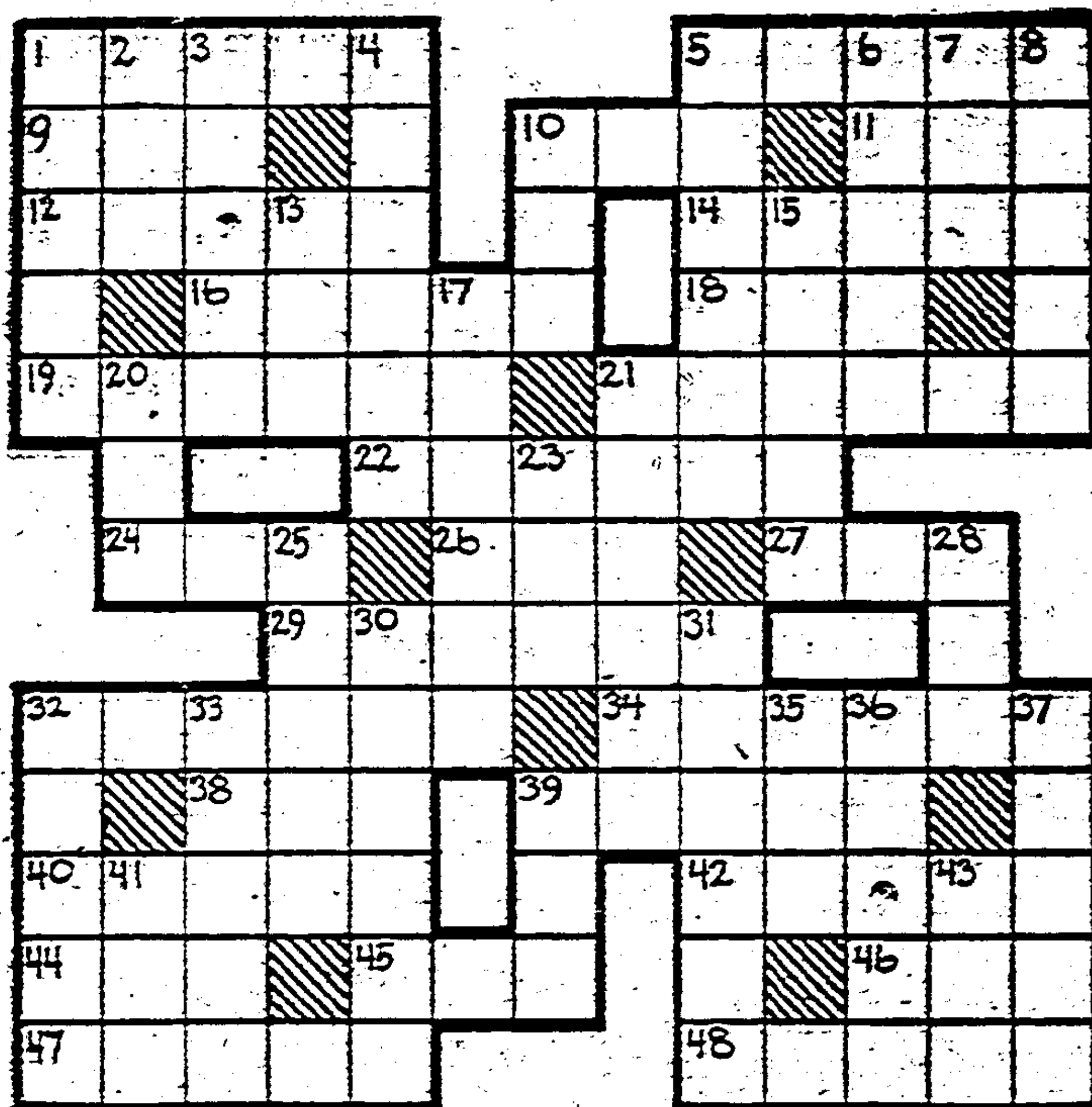
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- 11-Deface
- 12-Wants
- 14-Commonplace
- 16-Revolving part of a machine
- 18-Small inland island
- 19-A relative
- 21-Railway eating-cars
- 22-Venturing
- 24-Young goat
- 26-Prefix. Not
- 27-Weaken
- 29-One who rules in place of another
- 32-To slander
- 34-A church festival

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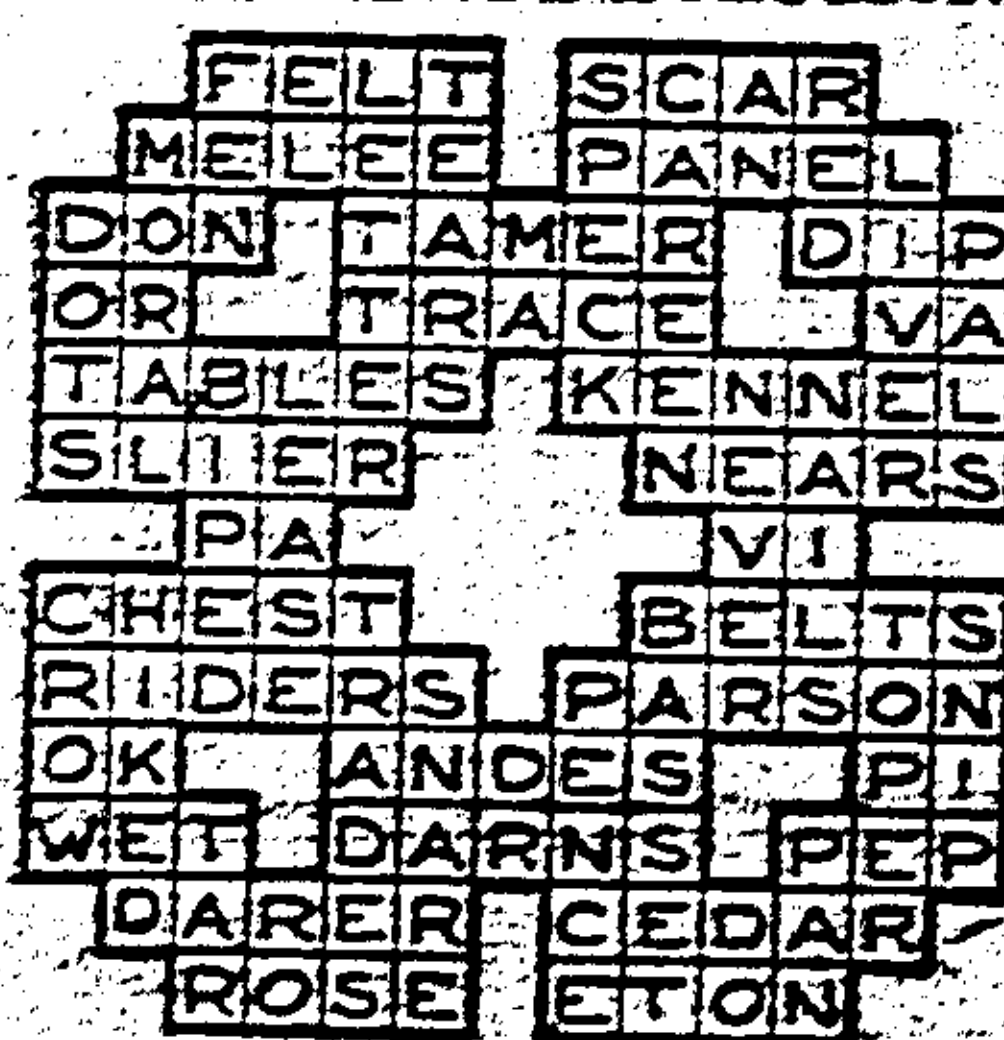
- 38-A falsehood
- 39-Mistake
- 40-Solitary
- 42-An insect (pl.)
- 44-Combining form. Middle
- 45-A length measure
- 46-Small movable bed
- 47-Farm animal (pl.)
- 48-Corners

VERTICAL

- 1-Debarks
- 2-Before
- 3-Turns to another course (Naut.)
- 4-Endured
- 5-Gain
- 6-Strike with disaster

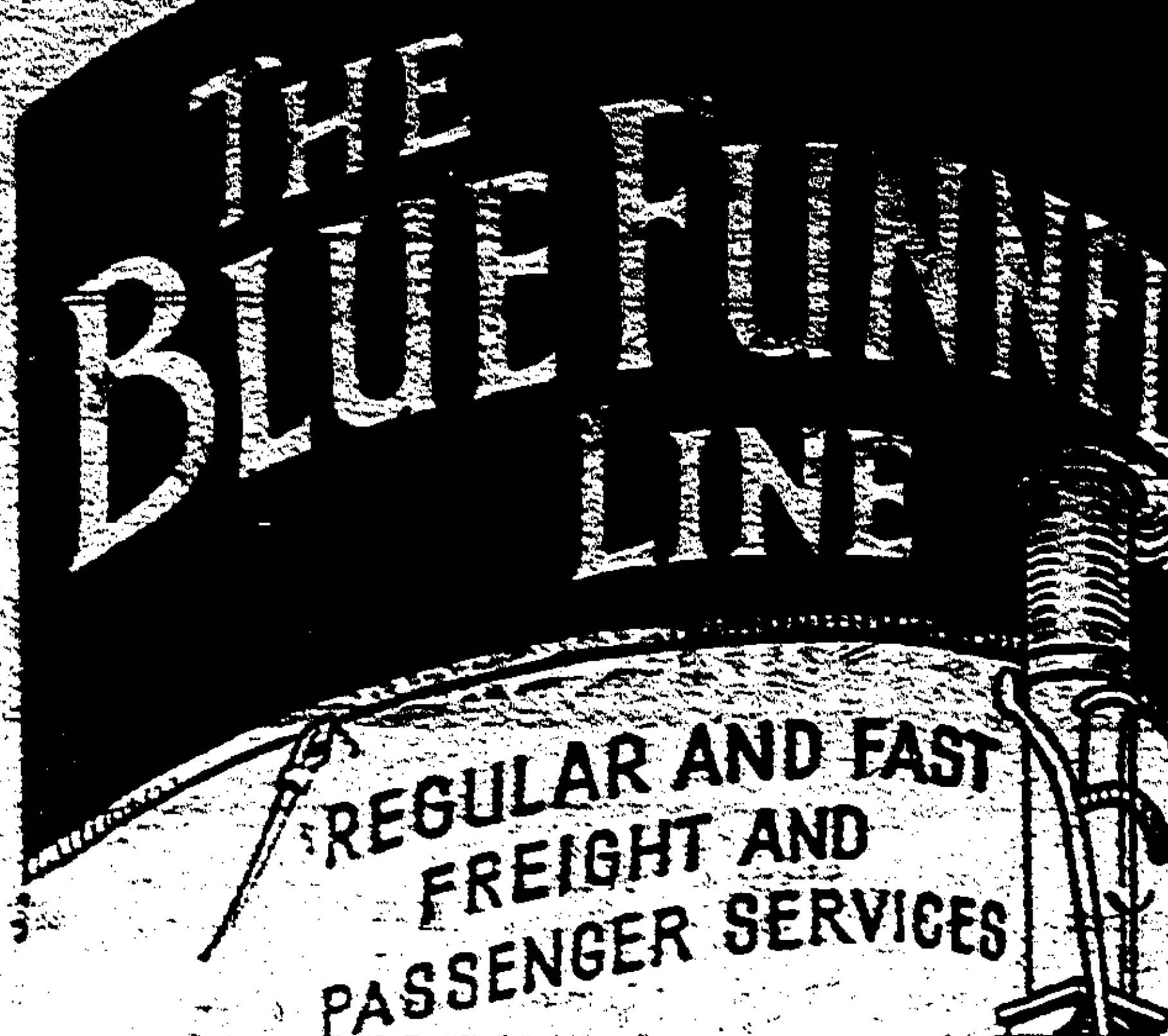
VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 7-Consume
- 8-Lock of hair
- 10-Hinder
- 13-Speak
- 15-Circles
- 17-A fruit
- 20-Writing fluid
- 21-A meat
- 23-Fish eggs
- 25-Empty
- 28-A pastry
- 30-Turkish official (pl.)
- 31-Mark for riflemen
- 32-A play
- 33-Fine untwisted silk
- 35-Male descendant
- 36-Vestige
- 37-Reclines
- 39-Terminate
- 41-The (Fr.)
- 43-Part of the foot

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Hong Kong, 14th March, 1938.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

Thursday—17th March, 1938.

A wreath will be laid at the GENOTAPH by the President and Committee of St. Patrick's Society at 11.00 a.m.

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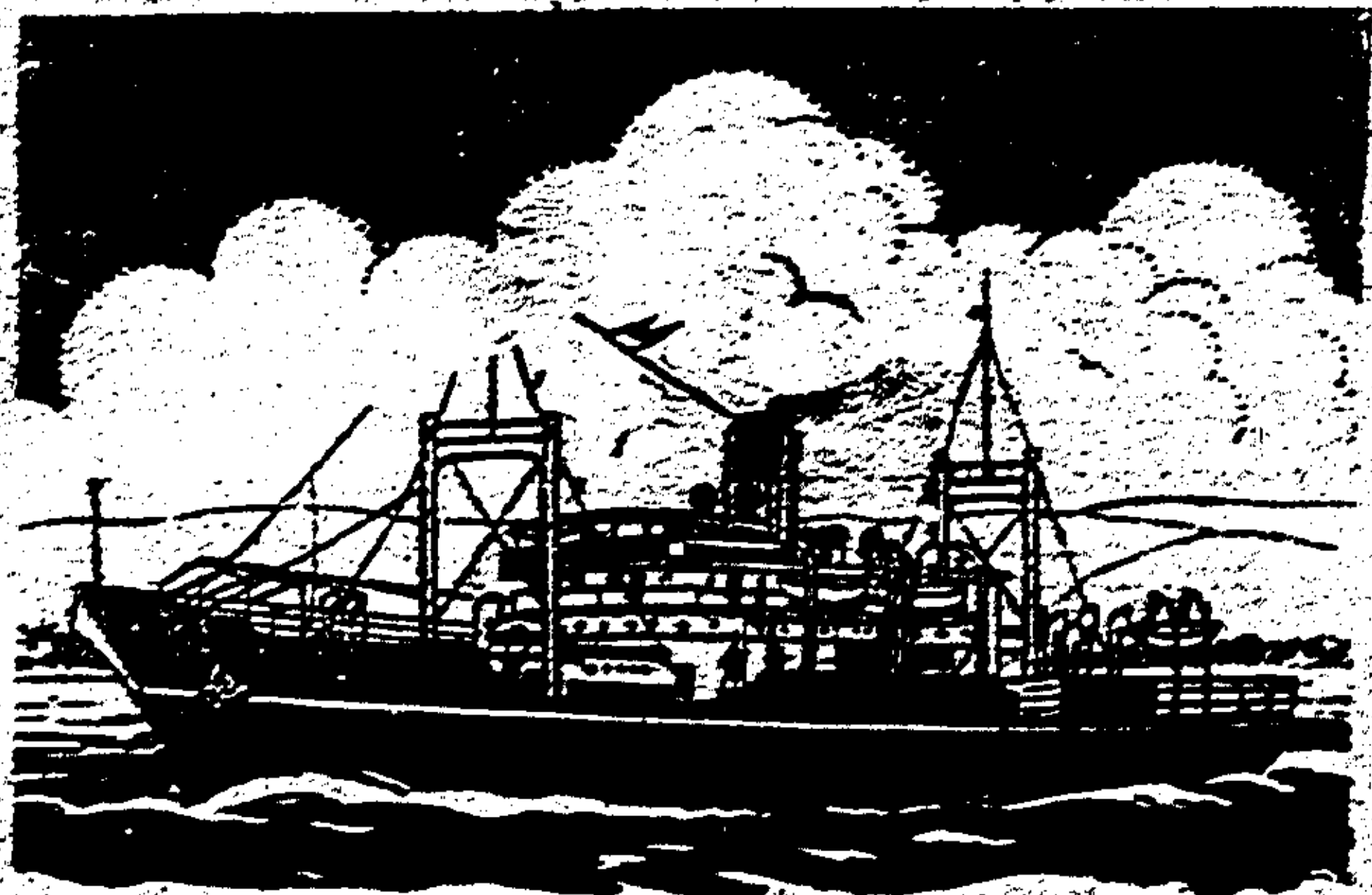
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MINU'S FIGHTING
KNOCK FOR I.R.C.

(By "ADREM")

LAST Saturday's Senior League Cricket programme brought to a climax a season of fluctuating fortunes, a season chiefly remarkable for the keenness and the even balance of half the teams in the competition.

TWO MATCHES PRIOR TO LAST WEEK, THERE WERE FOUR TEAMS IN THE RUNNING, A FURTHER MATCH NARROWED THE FIELD TO THE I.R.C. AND C.C.C. WITH K.C.C. CONCEDED AN OUTSIDE CHANCE. THE OUTSIDE CHANCE DID NOT COME OFF, THE FINAL GAMES BROUGHT ONLY EXPECTED RESULTS, AND SO WE HAVE THE INDIANS AND CRAIGENGOWER BRACKETED AT THE HEAD OF THE TABLE WITH THE ANTICIPATION OF A BATTLE OF GIANTS WHEN THESE TEAMS MEET ON A NEUTRAL GROUND, TO DECIDE IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE COVETED SHIELD WILL REMAIN FOR ONE YEAR.

In view of the damp weather which prevailed throughout last week, I thought myself that there was very little prospect of either of the two "needle" games ending in definite results.

The four most powerful teams in the League were drawn against each other and it is generally recognised that Senior batsmen have a decided edge over the bowlers. When all natural circumstances favour these batsmen it does not require much astuteness to forecast the draws that, short of something phenomenal happening, inevitably result.



At Sookunpoo, Anderson with his customary good fortune beat Minu in the toss and although the policy proved highly unsuccessful against Recreio the previous week, he again elected to field.

It seemed that on this occasion he was going to meet with success as the earlier I.R.C. batsmen never

TO-NIGHT'S BADMINTON SEMI-FINAL

Recreio Pairs On View In Men's Doubles Event

Some very good badminton is anticipated this evening at the Taikoo Club when the semi-finals in the Men's Doubles Championship will be featured, commencing from 6.30 p.m. This evening's programme is as follows:

P. H. Wong and C. Au v. L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva (6.30 p.m.).

P. K. Hui and K. L. Yong v. M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios.

seemed very happy and in a comparatively short space of time, three of them were back in the pavilion with only 35 runs on the board.

STOPPED THE ROT

A.H. Madar stopped the rot. He took absolutely no chances and, well supported by A. R. Abbas, defied all the wiles of Lee and Lloyd, Kowloon's opening bowlers.

Nevertheless, at this stage, I.R.C. were falling behind the clock and it was not until Abbas was caught by Burnett off Lloyd, to be succeeded by Minu, was there any brightening up of the innings.

Minu was magnificent and his advent placed an entirely different complexion on the game. He hit hard and he hit often but his enterprising methods were eminently scientific and he defended, when the bowling necessitated, quite as well as his contemporary.

He was dropped twice. On one occasion Willie Hung, in the country, actually had the ball in his hands but, worried by the ropes supporting the screen which were fastened well inside the ground, he let it drop again.

A SUGGESTION

In this connection, a suggestion to the I.R.C. authorities. Their Club is essentially a cricket club and it seems a great pity that they have not followed the action of both the H.K.C.C. and K.C.C. as well as several other clubs less eminent, and erected something more permanent in the way of screens, designed to offer no obstruction to fieldsmen and not be a potential source of danger to a man moving in the vicinity of the screens with his eye concentrated on the ball.

To revert to Minu. After he had hit more balls out of the ground than could comfortably be kept count of, he was out c and b Anderson to really brilliant catch.

In passing, Anderson in his last four games has held no fewer than 11 catches which is pretty good going.

Meanwhile, Madar had been batting very stodgily. One could readily understand his refusal to take risks when he first went in to bat but when Minu had placed the side ahead of the clock and quick runs were imperative if the K.C.C. were to be set anything like a decent total to get in reasonable time, his negative tactics when he was obviously set, were difficult to understand.

DUE TO MADAR?

I have heard more than one opinion expressed that it was chiefly due to Madar that the I.R.C. did not have more time in which to dismiss their opponents and that it is quite conceivable that their failure to score an outright victory and win the championship was largely due to him.

Nevertheless, it must not be lost sight of that it was he who stopped the rot and was chiefly responsible

for pulling the game round.

Minu finally declared at 4.15 with 190 on the board. K.C.C. fielding had been generally good although Zimmermann dropped his usual catch—on this occasion, a sitter at cover off Madar.

Heard in the pavilion over tea.....

"If all Freddy's food were thrown to him, he would starve to death!"

Lloyd had bowled very steadily—20 consecutive overs—and Robbie Lee was also good until the arrival of Minu when he revealed that he does not like being hit.

FINCHER ATTRACTIVE

Despite the big total against them, it soon became obvious that K.C.C. were going to win if they could possibly do so. Anderson was inclined to rate defence higher than attack but Teddy Fincher opened up immediately and was always attractive. I.R.C.'s fielding was unusually bad and both batsmen were given a couple of "lives," Fincher, in particular, being given an unexpected let-off, when Nazarin dropped an absolute "sitter."

When both opening batsmen had been dismissed, and Baxter, O'Brien, Madar and Lloyd followed in rapid succession although they were then playing for a draw, it appeared possible that the Indians would yet pull off a win. Burnett and Lee, however, played out time.

Burnett started off very confidently and went for anything pitched up. His innings of 28 not out occupied some 60 minutes. Robbie Lee also batted stoutly, making no effort to score and defending with great skill. His contribution to the total was a mere single, scored in 30 minutes' batting, but its value was inestimable.

CLUB v CRAIGENGOWER

At the Valley, a somewhat depleted Club side drew with Craigengower. Mainly responsible for the former's fine showing was Owen Hughes, who played easily his finest League innings of the season to score freely and compile a hard-hit 88.

Billimoria bowled like a trojan and was always difficult to score off, while Francis Zimmermann made full use of the new ball to take 3 for 45. It was unfortunate for the Valley Club that Owen Hughes chose this match of all others to come off, as, without his contribution, the H.K.C.C. total would have looked fairly sick.

Craigengower started off very well despite the failure of Esmail and when Fred Lee, Francis Zimmermann, Souza and Ernie Zimmermann all batted freely for scores round about 30, and when, with the loss of only four wickets, 121 runs had been chalked up and there was still some 20 minutes left for play, there was a distinct likelihood that they would pull it off.

The fates decided otherwise. Three further wickets fell for only six runs and the best they could hope for then was a draw. They eventually played out time with their total at 137 and two wickets still in hand.

In the two other games, which had no bearing on the League title, Army beat Civil Service in a high-scoring game and Club de Recreio finished up their season in a blaze of glory, following up their draw with K.C.C. with a decisive win over Navy.

The play-off between the I.R.C. and Craigengower for the First League Cricket Championship will take place on March 27 on the H.K.C.C. ground, starting at 2 p.m.

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GONSALVES PLAYS WELL IN KEEN DOUBLES TIE

(By "ADREM")

IN at least two of the games in the Colony Open Tennis Championships at the Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday, there was no cause for complaint either regarding the standard or the entertainment.

YOUTHFUL ALEC CRAWFORD WENT DOWN TO HIS CLUB-MATE, THE SEASONED TEDDY FINCHER, BUT SHOWED QUITE A LOT OF PROMISE IN THE PROCESS, WHILE ANOTHER CLUB TIE BETWEEN A. V. GOSANO AND A. V. REMEDIOS AND H. A. BARROS AND JOHN GONSALVES, WENT THE FULL DISTANCE AND PROVIDED SPECTATORS WITH A FULL MEASURE OF THRILLS.

Crawford, overawed by the reputation of his opponent and the fact that he was playing on No. 1 court, started very shakily and lost the first set without offering a great deal of opposition.

In the second set he improved considerably and driving consistently on both hands held his own until 4—all, when Fincher exerted that slight pressure which he always had in reserve, and won the next two games for the set and match.

I felt that Fincher played well within himself throughout. The slightly damp court made his sliced backhand difficult to pick up, while his forehand drive—about which so much ink has been spilt by local critics in the last three years—was functioning as well as it has ever done.

Actually, Crawford at his best almost matched his opponent with his driving but Fincher was always able to dictate terms from the net, where his volleying proved to be as sound and as deadly as of old.

GONSALVES ON PEAK FORM

Gosano and Remedios were generally expected to beat Barros and Gonsalves, and they did. They must have felt rather diffident about the result on several occasions dur-



ing the final set, however, when Gonsalves played at peak form to pull out some of the finest strokes of the whole encounter.

At the outset, Barros, obviously out of practice, was pathetically erratic and Gosano and Remedios, sensing their superiority at this stage, went for winners all the time and brought them off. Gosano was playing a fine all round game and Remedios was not far behind him in any department.

Any successes which came the way of Barros and Gonsalves were the result of the fine work of the latter, who on many occasions was the finest player on the court. His driving, especially on the forehand, was masterly, while his volleying was extraordinarily sound with heaps of punch behind it.

FORTUNES VARY

When Barros at last started to find his touch, early in the second set, and Gosano and Remedios unconsciously slackened off, a change came over the complexion of the game. Barros and Gonsalves went to a 3-1 lead, were overhauled, but

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

SINGLES

E. C. Fincher beat A. Crawford 6-1, 6-4
S. A. Rumjahn beat W. A. Land 6-4, 6-4
Wong Shiu-wing beat R. H. Rump 6-3, 7-5

DOUBLES

A. V. Gosano and A. V. Remedios beat H. A. Barros and John Gonsalves 6-0, 4-6, 6-4

ing to outweigh his general unreliability.

It was a hard-hitting game throughout, both pairs preferring to lose points in going for winners rather than play canny and wait for the other side to make the mistakes.

OTHER GAMES

In the other two games, S. A. Rumjahn conceded eight games to the hard-hitting Land, while Wong Shiu-wing was fully extended by R. H. Rump, whose inability to stand up to the pace, cost him the match.

Queen's College annual athletic sports will be held on the school ground, Causeway Bay, on Saturday. Mr. C. G. Sollis, Senior Inspector of Schools, will distribute the prizes about 4.30 p.m.

Barros' spasmodic brilliance failing to be denied, took the set at 6-4.

They then led 3-1 in the final set but were caught and finally passed.

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Poorest Irish Pack Within Memory: Championship Tangle

(By HOWARD MARSHALL)

IRELAND 14 pts. ENGLAND 36

IN a match which might come straight out of "Alice in Wonderland" England beat Ireland in Dublin by the fantastic score of six goals, a penalty goal and a try to a goal and three tries. Who said, I wonder, that modern defence has cancelled out attack?

Fifty points in an international match nowadays is grotesque. I feel inclined to delegate my report of the affair to the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Much grubbing in the dusty annals of the game convinces me that never before have England or Ireland run up such a total against one another. Somewhere in the bronze age or thereabouts England massacred Wales by eight goals and six tries to nil, and the Frenchmen met with heavy reverses on several occasions, but recent history records no comparable riot of scoring.

How did it happen? Not, let me assure you, by brilliant football. A roaring wind blew England 23 points in the first half, and Ireland, playing like a team of preparatory schoolboys, could never recover.

All the sense was blown out of the game, in fact; but nothing can excuse or explain the lamentable display of the Irish forwards. They lolloped about drearly in the loose and humped themselves like porpoises in the tight, with no weight coming from the back row at all. Never have I seen so lifeless an Irish pack, and there the tale of disaster began.

England won 42 set scrummages out of 57, a tribute to Toft and the English forwards and a partial explanation of the Irish landslide. Even so, the final analysis of the play remains obscure, an exercise in the higher mathematics which is beyond the mere layman.

Why, for instance, with that young hurricane behind them, could England score no more than eight points in the first half-hour against a defence with as many holes in it as a gruyere cheese? And how in the next 10 crazy minutes did they bump their total up from eight to 23?

SPRINGBOKS PROVED IT

Why, with so much of the ball, did England fail to score a single straight-forward, orthodox try? Are we to fall back upon the parrot cry about orthodox attack, although the Springboks have so recently proved it to be both possible and profitable?



I think myself that we must write this match off as just one of the curiosities of Rugby football. It leaves the international championship in a queer tangle, for England, Wales and Ireland have now all been beaten once.

The Scotsmen must be chuckling, but so perverse is form this season that Ireland are quite capable of knocking the stuffing out of them at Murrayfield on Saturday week.

PACK SATISFACTORY

Now for some random notes. It is quite likely that the England selectors will keep their team intact for the Calcutta Cup match. The forwards were satisfactory and far more compact and lively. Marshall played particularly well, and took advantage of the general confusion to score a great try, running nearly 50 yards from the line-out with remarkable power and speed and looking more like W. Wakefield than ever.

Giles was in his Coventry form at scrum-half, and Reynolds, apart from one period of bewilderment under pressure, proved that he is exactly the type of thrusting, straight-running stand-off half we need.

Time and again, in the first half particularly, he ran round Cromey and swung inwards, only to find himself alone and unsupported. If

his centres will follow him more closely the England attack will not have to fall back upon opportunism.

NICHOLSON AT HIS BEST

Nicholson was extremely good, the best centre on the field, and if we saw little of Crammer in attack his covering was indefatigable. The fact that Unwin and Sever, on the wings, had no chances is perhaps in itself a criticism of England's mid-field tactics, but we have to remember that the ball was frequently blown out of a player's hands as he waited to take a pass.

Parker, at full back, naturally found it difficult to gauge the flight of the ball, but his place kicking was beautiful in its easy power and certainty. To have converted six tries and landed a penalty goal in one international match must be very nearly a record, and some of the kicks were from wide angles.

THE LESS THE BETTER

The less said about Ireland the better, though it can rarely have happened that a team which scored four tries should lose. Little Cromey, at stand-off half, darted about tirelessly, and Lytle and Daly ran hard when the ball came their way, but on the whole the Irish team sadly lacked solidity and direction.

A great crowd gathered at Lansdowne-road, unaware that they were really attending a performance by the Crazy Gang at the Palladium. The ground looked normal enough, apart from the wind, which blew the flags out straight, and biased spectators, who owed the Irish Changel a grudge, sighed with relief when they observed that England had won the toss.

England began heeling like clockwork, and taking scrums at the line-out, a comforting sign of confidence. Crammer punted dead after a run by Nicholson, Giles mocked the Irish defence, and nipped away through vast gaps, and then Marshall led a fine rush to the Irish line. Crowe fell, a loose man formed, England heeled, and Giles, quick as lightning, slipped over to score.

LIKE A SLAUGHTER

Ireland replied with the sort of rush they too rarely produced, and Cromey flashed through and punted, for the ball to roll over the deadball line as McMahon raced up. Back came England, Reynolds began his slashing runs, and Parker kicked a penalty goal to put England eight points ahead in as many minutes.

This looked like slaughter, but over from a loose scramble,



TO-DAY'S TENNIS PROGRAMME

FIVE SINGLES MATCHES

The following is to-day's Lawn Tennis Championship programme:

Singles Championship

J. A. H. Douglass v. W. Sander
Paul Kong v. J. W. Leonard
Leong Ping-chiu v. S. W. Liang
F. H. Kwok v. Cheng Ping-yeung
Tsu Yui-pui v. Pang Oi-lam

Doubles Championship

H. Owen-Hughes and T. A. Pearce
v. A. C. I. Bowker and W. M. Barton.

Singles Handicap

C. C. Stark (-2/6) v. E. E. Storey (-3/6).

R. E. Valentine (-2/6) v. F. V. Harrison (-5/6).

Club Singles Championship

G. W. Sewell v. J. C. Pool.

MINIATURE FOOTBALL

Following the organisation of the Hong Kong Miniature Football Union, a general meeting of the committee is called for to-night at 7 p.m. in the Confucian Club to discuss the opening of a league.

It is noteworthy that the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo may become the President of the Union.

madness started to creep into the game when an England forward passed wildly through his legs, for McMahon to intercept and send Lytle tearing away for the line. Unwin just managed to stop him, but Ireland were pressing until Toft dribbled clear, and once more the wind drove play into the Irish 25.

SPATE OF SCORING

Sever had a bang with a drop which went wide, Reynolds hit the post with another, Nicholson tore holes in the Irish defence, Marshall dribbled grandly to the line, but for 20 minutes England were held at bay.

Then suddenly the spate of scoring started. Reynolds, jinking cleverly from short range, dived over for a try, Nicholson smashed gloriously through the centre after picking up a dropped pass, and found Bolton alongside him. Bolton sent Unwin wriggling and crashing through in the corner, and in the remaining couple of minutes before half-time Marshall went roaring away from a line-out to score his glorious try.

England, 23 points ahead, then proceeded to slumber awhile, and Ireland came to life. A terrific kick by Morgan began it, and soon Cromey charged down a punt by Reynolds and flopped over for a try. It was Cromey who started the next move with a beautiful piercing run, and Bailey was stopped only inches short of the line.

England gradually pulled themselves out of their trance, and Giles darted through a gaping hole to send Bolton over under the posts. By this time it was just a matter of statistics. Ireland drew blood next when Bailey punted ahead and touched down after the ball had ricocheted kindly off the goal post, and then Prescott buried himself

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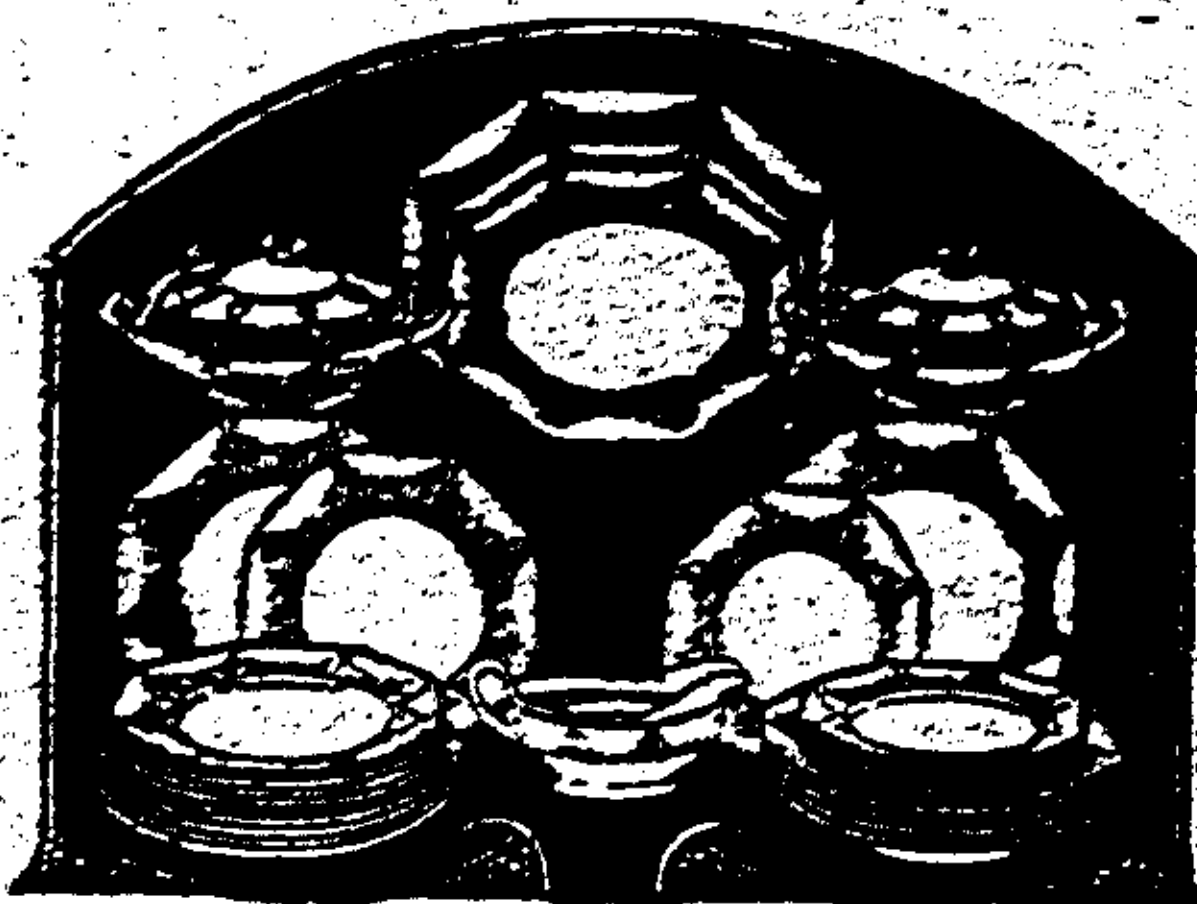
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Davis Cup Draw Unfavourable To Great Britain

GERMANS TO MEET THE CHALLENGERS?

(By A. WALLIS MYERS)

THE Davis Cup, having returned to America after an interval of 10 years, will now extend its season. When the international team championship is held by a European country its winner is known before August; now its fate cannot be settled before the first week in September.

EXERCISING THEIR PREROGATIVE AS HOLDERS, THE UNITED STATES ARE LIKELY TO GAIN BY THE LATER CHALLENGE ROUND. BEFORE DONALD BUDGE CAME ALONG LAST SUMMER TO WIN THE CUP ALMOST SINGLE-HANDED AT WIMBLEDON HER PLAYERS HAD ONLY ONCE BEFORE—24 YEARS AGO, AND THEN ONLY BY A SINGLE STROKE—LIFTED THE TROPHY IN EUROPE.

Before they defend their title the Americans will have the advantage of schooling and refining their team at a sequence of turf-court meetings. They will have a maximum of time to select their men and to train them. European teams do not get the same privilege; their supreme test may come too early in the year.

But the Davis Cup is by no means safe for its founders, and some members of the L.T.A. Council doubt whether that knowledgeable body, the American Davis Cup committee, is anything like so confident of victory at Philadelphia as they were in the

painful days of Tilden and Johnston, who won and held the Cup for seven years. Their present team must lack the majestic balance of that epoch.

AMERICA'S SECOND STRING

Robert Riggs will be the second string to Budge. He is a youth of compact competence, with enviable stores of stamina, but he does not at present command the burning speed of the champion, and his experience against invading forces is comparatively limited.

The American executive must also be a little anxious about their doubles pair, Budge and Mako. The holders at Wimbledon are ranked No. 1, but ever since they were routed at Boston by von Cramm and Henkel in the final of the American championship they have suffered a sequence of reverses. In Australia their tide of defeat in big-match play was almost continuous.

Of the 25 challenging countries only a handful, of course, have a chance of reaching Philadelphia in September. In this select category may be placed the three past holders, Great Britain, Australia and France; and the two Central European Powers, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Another Central Power, Yugoslavia—a well-balanced, well-trained team—may be added.

UNKIND DRAW

How does the White House draw affect the chances of these respective countries? It has not been very kind to the last holders. England is certain of victory in the first round, but her second fence will be either Czechoslovakia or Yugoslavia.

If the Czechs beat the Yugoslavs the battleground is likely to be Prague. Our last Davis Cup match against Menzel and Co. was played at Eastbourne in 1932, and the Czechs would therefore have choice of courts.

We should, I think, have an even chance of success at Prague, for I am much more hopeful about our Perry-less team for 1938, provided

Yet it is obvious that the task on the mineral courts of the Czech capital, on which Menzel and Hechs are at their best, must be materially harder than any match against the same opponents on home turf.

GERMANY'S FIFTH VICTORY?

France, with Yvon Petra's power increasing almost daily, should get as far as Germany in the semi-final of the European zone. Here much will depend on whether Henkel, after his relatively poor display in singles on the German world tour, can recover the form that made him champion of France and his own country last year. If he does, Germany and Czechoslovakia may again meet in the European final to decide which shall cross the Atlantic.

The chances favour Germany winning for the fifth year. In that event, provided the Australians escape the bad fortune that has so often been their lot on American courts, and defeat Japan, Quist and Bromwich will re-encounter players against whom they have had an excellent record on Australian courts this season.

ABLE PILOT

The youthful Bromwich, with all his glittering triumphs at home, has yet to show the same confidence and skill abroad; but the team from the Commonwealth will have a very able pilot in Harry Hopman, and I should not be surprised if they came through to challenge America.

The prophet, however, must be wary. All the competing countries have maturing skill available; none can be sure how it will develop in the next few months. Riggs, Bromwich, Petra, Sabin and our own Charles Hare all may come right to the front this year.

TAMAR BEAT CUMBERLAND AT RUGBY

Teams from H.M.S. Tamar and H.M.S. Cumberland, were seen in a fast Rugby encounter at Causeway Bay yesterday afternoon, the former carrying away the honours by 12 points to nil.

The winning team scored three tries through P. O. Askwith, Lieut. Harvey and A. B. Jones, two of which were converted by Tel. Goddard.



SCHOOL BEAT STAFF AT HOCKEY

The Diocesan Girls' School beat the Staff by 3 goals to nil yesterday in their annual hockey match on the School ground.

Leading at the interval by a goal scored by Miss Vivian Churn, the School added further goals through Miss Hilda Reid and Miss Eva Churn.

WEEK-END FOOTBALL PROGRAMME

The following are the fixtures for next week-end:—

SATURDAY

Club v Police
(Club, 4.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Lawrence
Linesmen:—Gomes and Clark
South China "A" v South China "B"
(Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Omar
Linesmen:—Barretto and Silva.

SUNDAY

Kowloon Chinese v South China "B"
(Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Sidebottom
Linesmen:—Dredge and McGrew.
Police v Eastern
(Club, 4.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Grant
Linesmen:—Edwards and Godfrey.

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12.30 p.m.—Jack Hylton and His Orchestra with Sam Browne (Baritone).
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Spanish Music.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Impressions D'Italia—G. Charpentier. Played by the Orchestra Symphonique and conducted by Gustave Charpentier.
2.05 p.m.—Military Band Music. Massed Bands of the Northern Command, conducted by Bandmaster R. C. Hanney L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7.05 p.m.—London Relay—Take Your Choice.
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Introduction—The Singers with the Orchestra.
Inspector Sharp takes up the Case by the Mellish Brothers.
No. 4 'The Light-headed League'.
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The Spinner of Death—Episode 11—'Sitar's Man-trap'. An adventure serial by Franklyn Kelsey, introducing Jim Travers and his friends, Terence O'Malley and Jeremiah and the sinister character, Mr. Sitar.
Yours sincerely—Orchestra.
7.35 p.m.—London Relay—'Songs of the Seasons' No. 3 'Autumn'. Ten minutes autumn-time music with Janet Lind, Bernard Clifton. The Three Graces and The Band. Presented by William MacLurg.
7.45 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections. The Lilac Domino (Charles Cuvillier)... Frank Westfield's Orchestra, Prince of Wales' Playhouse, Lewisham.
Anything Goes—Selection (Cole Porter)... Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans with vocal choros.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal. Weather

Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Studio—Ettore Pellegatti (Cello) and Lindsay A. LaFord (Piano).
1. Une Larme (Dunkler)
2. Polonaise brillante Op. 3 (Chopin)
3. Pavane Pour Une Infante defunte (Ravel)
4. Etude—Caprice (Goltermann)
5. Orientale (D. Popper)
6. Gavotte (D. Popper).
8.30 p.m.—Mozart Symphony in D (No. 35). Played by the Halle Orchestra conducted by Sir Hamilton Harty.
8.53 p.m.—Organ Music.
Larghetto (S. S. Wesley).
G. D. Cunningham.
La Nuit (Eldert).
Evening Song (Bairdow)... Harry Goss-Custard (Organ of Liverpool Cathedral).
9.07 p.m.—Studio—Gaston D'Aquino (Tenor) & E. O'Neil Shaw (Piano).
1. Addio Mignon—Mignon (Thomas).
2. Il Sogno 'Manon' (Massenet).
Gaston D'Aquino.
3. Piano Solo.
4. On Away Awake Beloved (Coleridge-Taylor).
5. O Lovely Night (Landon Ronald).
6. Povera Pulcinella (Buzzi-Peccia).
Gaston D'Aquino.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Dance Records.
Orchestra—Ain't Misbehavin' (Waller—Brooks); Way Down Yonder In New Orleans (Creamer—Layton)... Max Abrams and His Rhythm Makers.
Orchestra—Blue Danube Swing (Arr. Sid. Phillips)... Eddie Carroll & His Swingphone Orchestra.
10 p.m.—London Relay—Music Hall.
With The B.B.C. Variety Orchestra, conducted by Charles Shadwell.
11 p.m.—Close down.

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7 a.m.—Big Ben. Symphony Concert.
7.50 a.m.—Talk: 'America Speaks'—A series of talks broadcast from the U.S.A. to the British Empire.
8.10 a.m.—'Take your Choice'.
8.40 a.m.—'Songs of the Seasons—3: Autumn'.
8.50 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 9 a.m.
9.15 a.m.—Close down.

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Frequencies—
GSI 21.53 Mc/s (13.93 m.)
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GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)
10.45 a.m.—Big Ben. 'Backstage at Bellahouston—The British Government Pavilion'. Alistair Borthwick reviews progress at the Empire Exhibition.
11.05 a.m.—'Take your Choice'.
11.35 a.m.—'Songs of the Seasons—3: Autumn'.
11.45 a.m.—The BBC Northern Orchestra.
12.45 p.m.—'Voices from the Past'.
1 p.m.—The Chamber Music of Grieg.
1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.
1.55 p.m.—Close down.

TRANSMISSION 3

Frequencies—
GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSF 15.14 Mc/s (19.82 m.)
GSJ (to 3.30 p.m.) 21.53 Mc/s
1.55 p.m.—Opening Announcements.
2 p.m.—Big Ben. Music Hall.
3 p.m.—'Ireland Dances'.
3.40 p.m.—The Glasgow Corporation Transport Department Pipe Band.
4 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.
4.20 p.m.—Recital by Eileen Ralph (Australian Pianist).
4.40 p.m.—'World Affairs'.
5 p.m.—Close down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Bridge With 5 Suits

A variation of contract bridge has come from Vienna which allows a player to hold five Aces—or five deuces, for that matter, since there is a whole extra suit. I watched four expert players at Bates Club, Park-lane, trying out the new game, which is as fascinating and exciting as it is difficult.

The invention of a Viennese scientist, Dr. Marculin, it has been taken up with some enthusiasm by the Austrian world champion team whose captain, Dr. Paul Stern, has written the rules. It seems likely to become the vogue in Vienna, where a pairs contest of experts has been organised to test the new game.

"The extra suit is called 'Leaf' or 'Green' in Austria, but at Bates Club the name 'Royals' has been adopted, and Diamonds from another pack have been turned into Royals by pasting a small gilt crown at two opposite corners. The extra suit makes a pack of 65 cards, of which each player is dealt 16.

This leaves one card over, and the declarer has the valuable privilege of exchanging that card for any in his own hand or in dummy. Game is 120 points. Diamonds and Clubs are 20 a trick, Hearts and Spades 25 a trick, Royals 30 a trick, and No-Trumps 40 a trick.

HOW SCORES ARE MADE

The "book" is eight tricks, so that it is only with his ninth trick that the declarer starts scoring towards his contract. Six must be bid—a Small Slam—to score game in Clubs or Diamonds, five to score game in Hearts or Spades, four to score game in Royals, and three to score game in No-Trumps.

The Small Slam is all tricks but two, and gains a bonus of 500 non-vulnerable and 750 vulnerable. The Grand Slam is all but one trick with bonuses of 1,000 and 1,500. The Super-Slam is all 16 tricks, scoring bonuses of 1,500 and 2,000. Four Aces in one hand at No-Trumps score 150 and five Aces 300. Penalties are as in ordinary contract.

The four players in the game I watched were Lt.-Col. H. M. Beasley, who is fathering the experiment in the new game, Mrs. Felix Goetz,

Mr. J. Pavlides and Jnr. Carl Repelaer. Here is a Small Slam bid by Col. Beasley and Mrs. Felix Goetz:

PAVLIDES

R.—8 2
S.—10 7 5 4
H.—10 9 7 2
D.—Q J 3
C.—6 3 2

Mrs. Goetz Beasley

R.—Q 9 5 N R.—AK 10 7
S.—Q J 8 2 W E S.—K 6
H.—Q 8 3 S H.—J 6
D.—10 8 6 4 D.—AK 5
C.—5 4 C.—AKC 10 8

R.—J 6 4 3
S.—A 9 3
H.—A K 5 4
D.—9 7 2
C.—9 7

REPELAER

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West: 2 D 3 Nt 4 NT No

Col. Beasley and Mrs. Goetz were playing the Two-Club convention. Jnr. Repelaer led the King of Hearts, and when dummy was exposed Col. Beasley exchanged the Club Knave lying in the middle of the table for his Six of Hearts, thus giving himself six Clubs with five honours and reducing his Hearts to a singleton.

FREQUENT FREAK HANDS

After taking the first trick South led a Club, and the contract was made, Col. Beasley losing only to the Aces of Hearts and Spades, as he got two discards on dummy's Spades for his losing Diamond and a Royal, and then successfully finessed against South's Knave of Royals. As both sides were vulnerable, he won game and rubber, with 150 for honours and a 750 bonus for the Small Slam.

Col. Beasley told me that he finds the new game much more varied and interesting than ordinary contract. Although reports from Vienna say that freak hands are more frequent in the new game, that has not been the experience at Bates Club in the limited time it has been tried there. It is the play of the cards in ordinary distributions that seems to have so much wider possibilities.

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AT THE MAJESTIC—"Maytime"—Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy, among other favourites, sing the American folksong "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia" with touching appeal. John Barrymore plays the jealous impresario convincingly, while such noted actors as Tom Brown, Lynne Carver, Rafaela Ottiano and Herman Bing lend support.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 12th MARCH, 1938, to TUESDAY, the 22nd MARCH, 1938, both days inclusive.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COCK,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 3rd March, 1938.

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THE RENTS QUESTION

The General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association proposes, if deemed advisable, to make representation to the Government of Hong Kong in support of tenants whose rents have been unreasonably increased or who have been evicted despite prompt payment of rent.

To enable the Association to present irrefutable facts to Government residents, whether or not members of the Association, are invited to fill in this form and send it to Mr. R. Baldwin, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, 51, Kimberley Road, Kowloon.

All replies will be treated confidentially.

Note: Whether your rent has been increased or not, please make a return so as to enable the Association to judge approximately what proportion of tenants have been victimised.

Name

Address

Name of Landlord

Flat or House

Are you principal or sub-tenant?

Rent paid on June 30, 1937 \$

" " " September 30, 1937 \$

" " " December 31, 1937 \$

" " " February 28, 1938 \$

What was your rent when you first occupied the premises? \$

Has your Landlord evicted you?

For what reason

Were you in arrears with your rent?

Are you a satisfied tenant?

Remarks

RESISTANCE IN TOKYO TO MOBILISATION BILL SMASHED

Tokyo, To-day.

Passage of the National Mobilisation Bill through Parliament in the form demanded by the Japanese Government appears to be assured as a result of decisions taken by the principal parties yesterday.

That the draft law, comprising no less than fifty articles, will now in all likelihood be passed without a single amendment, suggests that the dispute which has been going on for the last few weeks between the Government and the parties, has ended in a complete victory for the Government.

The new Bill gives the Government extraordinary plenary powers in the event of war or in the event of warlike conditions.

GOVERNMENT THREAT

An attempt to replace this Bill by giving the Government authority to legislate by decree to meet any emergency that might arise, failed as a result of the Government threat to order dissolution of Parliament should it refuse to sanction the measure.

Its acceptance means that the political parties will be excluded from interfering in any way with the carrying out of mobilisation, which means the control and utilisation of all personal and

JAPANESE ATTACK IN SHANSI COLLAPSING

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A Japanese victory is also claimed on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway front, where, it is stated, Japanese troops advancing southward have occupied Chicho, 120 kilometres north of Hsuehchow, junction of the Lunghai and T.P.R.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE REPULSED WITH HEAVY LOSS

Hankow, To-day.

In spite of desperate efforts the Japanese troops in north-west Shansi hitherto have failed to obtain a foothold on the west bank of the Yellow River, according to Chinese reports here, which state that under cover of heavy artillery and aerial bombardment 3,000 Japanese troops yesterday launched a fierce attack on the Chinese positions on the west bank opposite Sachu, but were repulsed with heavy losses.

Meanwhile, it is claimed that another Chinese column is marching on Wuchai and is threatening the rear of the Japanese forces.

JAPANESE WITHDRAW

The Japanese forces on the Tungpu Railway, which connects Taiyuanfu with Tungkwan, junction of the Tungpu and Lunghai Railways, it is stated, are withdrawing to new concentrations

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after cutting of the Tungpu line at several points by the Chinese. The Chinese and Japanese forces are also said to be engaged on severe fighting in the vicinity of Holsin and Yumen, on the east bank of the Yellow River in south-east Shansi, and both sides are stated to be suffering heavily. — Reuter

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